

# Annual Report



## Town of Hingham 2011

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Population	21,065
Registered Voters	16,173
Dem. 3,971; Rep. 2,943; Unenrolled, 9201; Other, 58	
Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Number of Houses, including Condos	7,173
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$5,340,829,200
Personal Property	\$97,359,740
Tax Rate	\$11.89
Schools	6
Public School Children, PreK-12 (2/11)	4,137
Professional Staff	389
Support Staff	221
Total FY2012 Budget	\$80,454,008
School FY2012 Budget	\$35,786,176



**U. S. Congressman**

Tenth District  
William Keating  
315 Cannon HOB  
Wash. DC 20515  
202-225-3111  
508-771-0666 (local)

**State Senator**

Norfolk-Plymouth  
Robert Hedlund  
State House Room 313C  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-722-1646

**State Representative**

Third Plymouth Dist.  
Garrett Bradley  
State House Room 478  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-722-2520



*Laura M. Burns, John A. Riley, L. Bruce Rabuffo*

## Board of Selectmen

The economy is continuing to show slow signs of recovery as we prepare for Fiscal Year 2013. However, the pace is slow and the Town will continue to conservatively manage its way through this time of transition.

The Board is pleased to report that despite a series of economically challenging budget years the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2013 is structurally sound. It is the culmination of several years of effort in belt tightening. Two years ago this Board of Selectmen set three goals for the budget process. These goals were (1) halting the downward trend in fund balance; (2) ceasing the practice of using the Town's fund balance to fund capital needs; and (3) appropriating to a trust fund to meet the liability for retiree health care benefits in the future. We are able to report that these goals are being met: (1) the Town's fund balance has climbed to a level more consistent with our Financial Policy; (2) the recommended appropriations for capital expenditures are from the tax levy; and (3) The recommended budget funds the liability for retiree health care (OPEB) at 100% of the Annual Required Contribution.

The Board is cognizant of the economic realities our citizens face each day. In view of this, there will be several articles proposed at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting to bring a measure of relief to certain seniors and military reservists.

The Board has been active in efforts to support the development and redevelopment of the South Hingham Overlay District. The successful redevelopment of this area would generate increased revenues without the costs associated with residential development. This effort is consistent with the Town's master plan.

The Board voted to implement the provisions of Health Insurance Reform as provided in the Municipal Relief Act. A strong spirit of cooperation among the various members of the Public Employee Committee and the Town resulted in an agreement on a revised health insurance program. The new insurance offering will result in lower rates for active employees and non-Medicare eligible retirees. A portion of the rate savings will be available to members to offset the impact of certain higher co-pays. The reduced cost of health insurance to the Town is reflected in the recommended Contributory Group Insurance appropriation in Article 6. The reduction in health care costs is expected to save the Town \$600,000 in FY 2013 and to help keep costs lower going forward.

The April 2011 Town Meeting approved \$600,000 for a Feasibility Study for a new Middle School under the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Model School Program. At the October 2011 Special Town Meeting the voters approved final design and construction funding for the new middle school to be built on the site of the current school at a cost of \$60,910,920. The anticipated reimbursement from the state is at 43.87%. The citizens also appropriated \$935,000 to fund construction costs for Phase I (track reconstruction and tennis court repair) and design fees for future work on the high school fields.

The pace of activity around the harbor has picked up. The Fall Special Town Meeting also authorized the Trustees of the Bathing Beach to pursue special legislation for a renovated bathhouse and snack shop; a new coffee shop has opened in the building near the Town Pier; and the Community Preservation Committee recommends, and this Board supports, a pedestrian bridge connecting the Iron Horse Park area to Whitney Wharf.

The Town has completed the regionalization of public safety dispatch services. The Towns of Hingham, Hull, Norwell and Cohasset are now providing dispatch from a state of the art facility located in the Hingham Town Hall. This facility was built and furnished with funds provided by state grants. Animal Control services are currently shared with the Town of Hull and the Towns of Hingham and Scituate are sharing Veterans Services led by our Director of Veterans Services, Keith Jermyn.

Finally the Board extends its thanks to our staff, all the Town employees and the countless volunteers who are so generous with their time and talents to service the Town.

John A. Riley  
Laura M. Burns  
L. Bruce Rabuffo

## Town Administrator

I am pleased to submit my second report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham as the Town Administrator.

The past year we have begun to see the effects of having implemented both financial and operational initiatives over the past several years. With the cooperation and contributions of boards, committees, and staff throughout the Town we have seen these initiatives, enumerated below, come to fruition and provide the benefits that we had hoped for when they were first undertaken. It is our hope that the Town will continue to realize the benefits of these labors for many years to come.

Driven by a decrease in financial resources, and combined with the constant upward pressure of service delivery demands, the Town adjusted its budget philosophy to meet the dramatically changed fiscal environment. The changed approach to the annual budget was incorporated into a significant revision of the Town's financial policy by the Advisory Committee, and endorsed by both the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee. These efforts have been recognized by the bond rating agencies that rate the Town's fiscal condition, as all three agencies have maintained Town's AAA bond rating, the highest rating afforded to any governmental entity.

Hingham was the first of four towns to begin using the regional dispatch center to handle the town's public safety dispatch services this year, shortly followed by the Town of Hull. The Towns of Norwell and Cohasset are expected to transfer their dispatch operations into the new regional center during 2012. The center is expected to greatly enhance regional public safety while produce savings to all four towns, and is the culmination of several years of effort by all four towns.

In the Fall of 2011 the town joined with the Town of Scituate to create a two town regional Veterans' Services office. The focus of this regional effort is on resource sharing and service delivery for current veterans, in addition to preparing for an expected increase in veterans' needing services as the decade long military activities in Afghanistan and Iraq wind down.

During 2011 the Selectmen entered into contracts with both the Sewer Commission, and the Board of Assessors to manage the daily operations of both departments. Both departments realized financial savings while at the same time allowing both departments elected boards to focus on important policy issues.

The town successfully leased the former Tree & Park building to a local furniture maker, in addition to leasing the required parking to allow Bare Cove Marina to expand its mooring and commercial businesses. Both leases combined to provide the town with \$58,000 in annual revenue.

2011 saw the retirement of Marilyn Harrington, long time employee in the Selectmen's Office, as well as former Police Chief Tab Mills and Deputy Chief Brad Durant. In all, eighteen people retired this year and we wish them well for many years to come.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, particularly Betty Foley, Betty Tower, Laurie Zivkovich and David Basler in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. Success is a cooperative effort, and I look forward to a productive year serving the Hingham community in 2012.

Ted C. Alexiades  
Town Administrator



## 2011 Elected Town Officers

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	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>MODERATOR (1 Year Term)</b>	
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	2012
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)</b>	
Lawrence Bruce Rabuffo	2014
Laura M. Burns	2013
John A. Riley	2012
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)</b>	
Eileen A. McCracken	2012
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)</b>	
Jean Montgomery	2013
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)</b>	
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2014
Mark F. Tyburski	2013
Michael P. Shaughnessy	2012
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)</b>	
Stephan J. White	2014
Kirk J. Shilts	2013
Peter B. Bickford	2012
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)</b>	
Walter A. Foscett	2013
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2012
John Ryan (Appointed to replace Kevin Bulman)	2012
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)</b>	
James O'Brien (Appointed by State)	2016
Stephanie A. McHugh	2015
Robert D. Keyes	2014
James R. Watson	2013
Heather A. Hedlund	2012

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)**

Carol M. Falvey	2014
Edward J. Schreier	2014
Caryl Falvey	2013
Raymond C. Estes	2013
Andrew A. Shafter	2013
Linda Krause Hill	2012
Barbara J. Cooke	2012

**PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)**

Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2016
William C. Ramsey	2015
Paul K. Healey, Chairperson	2014
Sarah H. Corey	2013
Judith S. Sneath	2012

**SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)**

Edward F. Monahan	2014
Edmund Demko	2013
Michael A. Salerno	2012

**RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)**

Paul G. Paget	2016
Thomas E. Belyea	2015
Robert D. Keyes	2014
Francis G. Jones	2013
Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2012

**COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE INCOME OF  
THE HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND (3 Year Term)**

Tereza Prime	2011
Becky Weston	2013
Louis Belknap	2012

**TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH  
(Elected at ATM, CH75, Acts of 1934)**

Thomas Foley  
Edward Johnson  
Joan P. Williams

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE 9<sup>th</sup>  
DISTRICT**

Marjorie A. Mahoney

## 2011 Appointees

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### Term Expires

#### **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

**(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)**

Susan Nickerson

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)**

Linda K. Kutsch	2014
James A. Sharkansky	2014
James W. Taylor	2014
Elizabeth Eldredge	2014
Laura Marwill	2014
Jonathan R. Asher	2013
Richard J. Innis	2013
Karen A. Johnson	2013
Mary M. Power	2013
Thomas J. Pyles	2013
Dennis Friedman	2012
Daniel J. Dwyer	2012
Amy W. Farrell	2012
Gregory M. MacCune	2012
Craig D. MacKay	2012

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 21 ATM 2007) 2 Year Term**

Daniel Jacobson	2013
James O'Brien	2013
Timothy White	2013
Blake Auchincloss	2012
Laura Burns	2012
Kevin C. Connelly	2012
Susan Crowley	2012
Rev. Gary Ludwig	2012

#### **APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Joseph Freeman	2014
Joseph M. Fisher	2013
W. Tod McGrath	2012

**Associate Members (one year term)**

David Anderson  
Alan Kearney  
Mario Romania, Jr.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE  
(ART 26, ATM 2010)**

George L. Alexakos (Moderator Appt.)	2014
Josh Gregory (Selectmen Appt.)	2013
Melissa A. Tully (Moderator Appt.)	2013
Edwin J. Gillis (Moderator Appt.)	2012
Jason Ryan (Selectmen Appt.)	2012
Theodore C. Alexiades, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

James O'Hare	2014
Brian O'Leary	2014
Joseph Roper	2014
Peter Cotter	2013
Patricia A. Coyle	2013
Charles Harvey	2013
Eric LeClair	2013
Thomas A. Burbank	2012
Edward J. Matthews	2012

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 6/15/04)**

Marjorie Elsdon	2014
Dorothy Manganaro	2014
Kathleen McCann	2014
Margaret Taylor	2014
Alyce Nobis	2013
Laura Spaziani	2013
Rosemarie Durkin	2013
Patricia Bray	2013

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT****Appt. by Town Administrator under MA State Bldg. Code  
780 CMR 5105.1 (for ensuing year)**

Mark Grylls, Inspector of Buildings  
Robert Egan, Deputy Inspector of Buildings  
Michael Simpson, Local Inspector  
Richard Wakem, Local Inspector  
William Nickerson, Inspector of Wires  
David Bennett, Ass't. Inspector of Wires  
Stanley Hersey, Ass't. Inspector of Wires  
Steven Wigmore, Ass't. Inspector of Wires  
Brian McPherson, Plumbing & Gas Inspector  
Jay Yetman, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen)**

John Rice (Appt'd 3/12)	2014
Eric Connerly	2013
Joshua Gates	2012
Sandra S. Peavey	2012
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, (School Rep.)	

**CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC ACCESS CORP., DIRECTORS OF**

James Dellot  
Hal Goldstein  
Robert Kirk  
Noreen Moross  
Margaret Sullivan

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**

Elizabeth M. Claypoole	2014
Ray P. Eisenbies	2013
Lucy Hancock	2012

**Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman**

Craig MacKay  
Thomas Pyles

**Ex-Officio**

Town Accountant (Non-voting member)

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE****(ART26 ATM 2001)**

Kathleen Peters (Selectmen Appt.)	2014
L. Bruce Rabuffo (Selectmen Rep.)	2014

Sally C. Weston (Moderator Appt.)	2014
Daniel Coughlin (Conservation Comm. Appt.)	2013
Robert Curley (Historical Comm. Appt.)	2013
William S. Reardon (Moderator Appt.)	2012
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Appt.)	2013
James Watson (Housing Authority Appt.)	2013

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
(MGL, C40 S8C, ART 1 STM 1959)**

Charles Berry	2014
Daniel Coughlin	2014
Nina T. Villanova	2014
Carolyn Nielsen	2013
Robert Perry	2013
Scott T. McIsaac	2012
Alan E. McKenna	2012

**CONSTABLE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 64 ATM 1991)**

Kathleen Peloquin	2014
Anthony Cuddahy	2012

**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD  
(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees)	2014
Ted Alexiades (Appointed by Selectmen)	2013
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2013
Henry F. G. Wey, III (Retirement Board Appt.)	2012

**Ex-officio**

Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant)

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)**

Gretchen Condon	2014
Joan Iovino	2014
Norma Jackson	2014
Richard Ponte	2014
June M. Freedman	2013
Leah Godfrey	2013
Chrisanne Gregoire	2013
Patricia L. LaLiberte	2012
Arthur LeMay	2012
Ann Manning	2012
Beth Rouleau	2012

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)**

William Friend	2014
Kerry Ryan	2014
Kathleen Curley	2013
Paul J. Casey	2012
Terence Clarke	2012

**CULTURAL COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)**

Susan Luery	2014
Marlie L. McManus	2014
Isabel Asher	2013
Trish Baggott	2013
Jill Powell	2013
Gary S. Nisbet	2012
Kim Preveza	2012
Jane P. Shute	2012

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)**

Eileen Richards	2016
Nanette G. Walsh	2016
Paul Gannon	2015
Thomas Maloney	2015
Mark Cullings	2013
Susan L. Sullivan	2013
Benedict Wilcox	2012

**DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON  
(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989, ART. 50)**

Mark Grylls  
Barbara Partridge  
John Pollick  
Susan Sommer

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)**

Dorothy Galo  
Jennifer Henriksen  
Jean Curtis Loud  
Judith Rielly  
Patricia Tomecek

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF**

Mark L. Duff

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Eileen A. McCracken

Joan Newell

Kathy Glenzel

**ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE**

**(ART 41 ATM 2008)**

John Bewick, Moderator Appt.

Otto Harling, Moderator Appt.

Pamela Harty, Moderator Appt.

Paul Heanue, Light Plant Mgr.

Virginia LeClair, Selectmen Appt.

Christopher J. Maynard, Selectmen Appt.

Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt.

**Ex-officio**

Town Accountant

School Business Manager

**FIRE CHIEF**

Mark L. Duff

**FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)**

See Conservation Commission

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)**

Jim Murphy, Chair

Mary Ann Blackmur

Stan Blackmur

Jason Caine

Margaret Costello

Jim Drew, Jr.

George Ford (Uncle Sam)

Caty Fortuin

Ginny Gray

Susan Hagstrom

Dan Lahiff

Mary Ellen Lahiff

Monica Martin

Cassie McDermott

Carrie Murphy

Louis O'Dea

Glenn Olsson

Ruth Potter

Jill Powell

Ginny Spanegal



**GAR HALL TRUSTEES****(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)**

Robert Beal, Jr.	2014
Scott McMillan	2013
Keith Jermyn	2012

**2010 GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE****(2010 ATM, Art. 23. App't by Moderator)**

Judith Cole, Chairman  
Philip Edmundson  
Edna English  
Scott Ford  
Irma Lauter  
Alexander Macmillan  
Eva Marx

**HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)**

Robert Mosher	2014
Alan Perrault	2014
David Fenton	2013
Eric Kachel	2013
John Thomas	2013
Christopher Daly	2012
Paul Losardo	2012

**HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS**

Kenneth R. Corson, III  
Mark F. Brennan, Acting Deputy Harbormaster  
Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)  
Joseph P. Driscoll  
Michael McCue  
Michael Murray  
Neal Nelson  
Michael Riley  
Gillian Shaw  
Danny Sousa

**HARBOR TASK FORCE****(Appt. by Selectmen, May 26, 2009)**

Kenneth Corson  
Christopher Daly

Katy Lacy  
Alan Perrault  
William Ramsey  
John Riley  
Benedict Wilcox  
Joan Williams

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer  
David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

**HISTORIAN, TOWN  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 ATM 1943)**  
Winston I. Hall

**HISTORIC ARCHIVES TASK FORCE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 8/30/2011)**

Ann Dalton (Library Director or Designee)  
Dorothy Galo (School Supt. Or Designee)  
Eileen A. McCracken (Town Clerk or Designee)  
William Salisbury (Historical Society Member)  
Stephen Swett (Historical Commission Member)

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM 1967)**

Susan Berry	2014
Lois Levine (Appt'd 2/12)	2014
George Ford	2013
Nancy MacKay	2013
Charles N. Clutz	2012

**Alternate Members**

Jared Grimm	2014
John D'Angelo	2013
Martha Saunders	2013
Arthur K. Choo	2012
Ann Fanton (Appt'd 1/12)	2012

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C40 S8D, ART 21 1974)**

Huck Handy	2014
Elizabeth Rockoff	2014
Stephen Swett	2014
Robert A. Curley, Jr.	2013

Noel A. Ripley, Jr.	2013
Virginia Tay	2012
Thomas Willson	2012

**LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF**

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.  
Edward D. Boylan  
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.  
Edna English  
Arthur Garrity  
Harold Goldstein  
Kate Mahony  
David Mehegan  
A. Stedman Murdy  
Nelson G. Ross, Esq.  
Edward Siegfried

**Appt. By Selectmen**

Susan Rabuffo	2014
Bonnie B. Hobbs	2013
JoAnn C. Mitchell	2012

**Appt. By Moderator**

Tina V. Sherwood	2013
Michael S. Barclay	2012

**Ex-officio**

Rep. of Board of Selectmen  
Treasurer/Collector  
Superintendent of Schools

**LINCOLN APARTMENTS, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS  
(ART 1 STM 2008)**

James O'Brien (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2014
George Schwartz (Selectmen Appt.)	2014
Richard Mason (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2013
John W. McHugh (Moderator Appt.)	2013
Thomas P. Shanley (Selectmen Appt.)	2012

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Olsson, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, Chairman  
Michael Peraino, Police Chief  
Glenn Olsson, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.  
Mark L. Duff, Fire Chief  
David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat

Steven Murphy, Fire Department, EMS  
 Laura M. Burns, Selectman  
 L. Bruce Rabuffo, Selectman  
 John A. Riley, Selectman  
 Theodore C. Alexiades, Town Administrator  
 Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer  
 Kenneth R. Corson, III, Harbormaster  
 Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services  
 Paul Field, School Department  
 Mark Grylls, Building Inspector  
 Paul Heanue, Manager, HMLP  
 W. Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer  
 Harry Sylvester, Highway Supervisor  
 Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
 (Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)**

Kimberly Jursic	2013
Janice B. McPhillips	2013
Leon J. Merian	2013
Karen F. Thompson	2013
Cheryl A. Bierwirth	2012
Brenda P. Black	2012
Peter Stathopoulos	2012
Elizabeth A. Dewire	2012
David P. White	2012

**Ex-officio**

Superintendent Public Works

**MBTA ADVISORY BOARD**

Marco Boer, Hingham Representative

**MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.**

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative  
 Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

**MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Edmund Demko, Hingham Representative  
 Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 (Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)**

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative

**MAYFLOWER MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Theodore C. Alexiades, Representative

Betty Foley, Alternate Representative

**MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)**

Kenneth Dresser

Joan Getto

Martha Ryan

Ann Shilhan

Michael Shilhan

Dorcas V. Wagner

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)**

Marco Boer

2012

Edna S. English, Alternate

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Jessica Foley (Selectmen Appt.) 2014

Michael Pollard (Conservation Appt.) 2014

James Morris (Conservation Appt.) 2013

Peter Rosen (Conservation Appt.) 2013

Susan Berry (Planning Board Appt.) 2012

**PARKING CLERK**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**PERMANENT BUILDING & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT  
STUDY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 10/12/2010)**

Roger Fernandes

Donald J. MacKinnon

John Manley

Jerry Seelen

Benedict Wilcox

**PERSONNEL BOARD****(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)**

Russell F. Conn	2014
John F. Manning	2014
Nelson G. Ross	2013
Marie S. Harris	2012
David Pace	2012

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.**

Laura M. Burns

**POLICE CHIEF**

Michael Peraino

**PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF****(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)**

Randy Sylvester

**REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMM.****(Appt. By Moderator, ART 62 ATM 1991)**

S. Edward Eaton  
Helga J. Jorgensen  
Peter G. Stathopoulos

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS****(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S15, 18)**

Dawn Sibor	2014
Betty Tower	2013
Virginia Gray	2012
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)**

Thomas Hagstrom	2013
Roger Nastou	2013
Kurt Weisenbeck	2013
Matthew Welch	2013
Clay Graham	2012
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer	2012
Andrew Shafter	2012

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, 2006****(ART 17, ATM 2006)**

Robert S. Bucey (Moderator Appt.)

Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)  
Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)  
Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)  
Raymond Estes (School Comm. Appt.)  
Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)  
Stefan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Jay Ippolito  
Carol Pyles  
Shirley Rydell  
A. Jordan Smith  
Vacant

**SOUTH SHORE COALITION**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, 3 Year Term)**

L. Bruce Rabuffo

2013

**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Stephen Messinger  
Randy Sylvester

**SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION**

Joseph Fisher, Member CAC  
Stephen Kelsch, Member CAC  
Mary Byram, Member CAC  
William Koplovsky, Rep. to the Advisory Board of the South Shore  
Tri-Town Development Corp.

**TAXATION AID FUND COMMITTEE**

(Appt. by Selectmen, 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3D)  
Ingrid Eikinas  
Carolyn Kelliher  
John J. Pollick  
Greg Hall, Assessors  
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Theodore C. Alexiades

**TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Police Chief (or Rep.)

Fire Chief (or Rep.)

Planning Board Chairman (or Rep.)

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (or Rep.)

Dan Zivkovich

2014

Scott Peterson

2013

James Costello

2012

**TREE WARDEN**

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE****(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/18/2007)**

L. Paul Heanue

Sandra Peavey

Bruce Rabuffo

John A. Riley

Susan Sullivan

Benedict Wilcox

**VETERANS COUNCIL****(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Beal, Jr.

2014

Stephen Bray

2014

Maureen DeMenna

2014

William Ramsey

2013

Arthur Smith

2013

Lawrence St. Laurent

2013

James Claypoole

2012

Ernest Sofis

2012

Jeff Weggeman

2012

Keith Jermyn

Herman Messmer

John W. McHugh

Scott McMillan

**WASTEWATER MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE****(ART 23 ATM 2004)**

Charles Berry (Con. Comm. Rep.)

Richard Hull (Selectmen Appt.)

Mathew E. MacIver (Moderator Appt.)



Francis Mahony, Jr. (Moderator Appt.)  
John A. Riley (Selectmen Rep.)  
Michael Salerno (Sewer Comm. Rep.)  
Kirk Shilts (Board of Health Rep.)  
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)  
Mark White (Selectmen Appt.)

**WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)**

Thomas A. Burbank  
Paul K. Cappers  
James Connelly  
Maureen F. Doran  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Kirk J. Shilts  
Roger W. Sullivan

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34)**

Robert Egan

**WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE**

Faith Burbank  
Darrell Baker, Alternate

## Annual Town Meeting - April 25, 2011

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**Registered Voters: 15,939**

**Attendance: 675**

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 25, 2011. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m, a quorum being present. Alexander MacMillan and Jerry Seelen were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderators. The invocation was given by Rev. Timothy Schenck of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### **ARTICLES INDEX**

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. County Cooperative Extension Service
3. Reports from various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Disbursement of Electric Light Department receipts
8. Assume liability for DCR on rivers, harbors, etc.
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
11. Transfer funds to the Reserve Fund
12. Transfer into the Stabilization Fund
13. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
14. Establish a Meals Tax Stabilization Fund
15. Middle School Feasibility Study
16. Rescind Debt Authorization
17. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Conservation Fund
18. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Cordage Factory
19. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds- G.A.R. Hall Collection
20. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Memorial Bell Tower
21. Property Acquisition for Wastewater Treatment Facility
22. Appropriate Funds for Engineering for Wastewater Treatment Facility
23. Slope Easement for Intersection of Pond Park Road and Derby Street

24. Appropriate Funds for Derby Street Corridor Roadway Improvements
25. Amend General By-Laws re: Elections for Town Offices
26. Amend General By-Laws re: Term Limits for Elected Town Offices
27. Amend General By-Laws re: School Committee Member Disqualification
28. Amend General By-Laws re: Warrants for Town Meetings
29. Amend General By-Laws re: Speaking Limits at Town Meeting
30. Amend Moderator's Message on Town Meeting Procedures
31. Construction Debris from Non-resident Commercial Enterprises
32. Consolidation of Operations of Sewer Department under Public Works Superintendent
33. Short Term Lease of Tree and Park Barn
34. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Tree and Park Barn parcel
35. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Hersey House parcel
36. Traffic Signals at the Intersection of Main, Cushing and South Pleasant Streets
37. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Schedule of Uses
38. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Dimensional Requirements
39. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Definition of a Street
40. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Wind Energy Conversion Facility
41. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Committee Appointments
42. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Elected Advisory Committee
43. Affordable Housing Trust Allocation Plan
44. Supplemental Retirement Allowance for Survivors of Disabled Retirees
45. Sale of the South Shore Country Club
46. Street Acceptance – Cranberry Lane
47. Street Acceptance – Rosewood Lane

## **Article 1**

**VOTED :** That Tereza Prime, 703 Main Street, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town confirm the choice by the Selectmen of Marjorie Mahoney as Director for the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service in accordance with the provisions to serve for one year.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 3**

**VOTED:** That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust; Animal Shelter Site Study Committee; Audit Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; 2010 Committee to Review the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Town Government; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Energy Action Committee; GAR Hall Trustees; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Board of Managers of Lincoln Apartments LLC; Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Memorial Bell Tower Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Public Works Building Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; and Water Supply Committee be received; and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued, except that the Animal Shelter Site Study Committee be discharged with thanks.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 4**

**VOTED:** That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-Law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2011 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$302,000 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personal Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively,

as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 5**

**VOTED:** That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Town Clerk<sup>1</sup> and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 and Grade 17, respectively, of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

Selectmen: at the request of the Board of Selectmen, at the annual rate of \$1,750 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,250 for the period of incumbency.

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department). Provided: that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

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<sup>1</sup>Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Section 19G of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 6**

**VOTED:** That there be raised and appropriated for each of the following purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, the sum of money stated therefor, provided that where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in part payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn-in is stated; and provided that any amount or a portion thereof appropriated to a sub-account under and included in a numbered account as set forth below may be

transferred to another sub-account under the same numbered account with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 7**

**VOTED:** That, with the exception of \$450,000, which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Sections 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light board during the next fiscal year.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 8**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 9**

**VOTED:** That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental

receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent primarily to compensate such inspectors for their services. The Building commissioner, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$250,000 during Fiscal Year 2012.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 10**

**VOTED:** That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the establishment of such a fund for the Department of Elder Services. Departmental receipts for all fees and charges received from Senior Center programs shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent for Senior Center programs and related expenses. The Director of Elder Services, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2012.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 11**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$825,000 from available reserves to the Reserve Fund for use during FY 2011.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 12**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer from available reserves the sum of \$1,172,576 into the Stabilization Fund.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 13**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$176,629 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2012 tax rate.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 14**

**VOTED:** That the Town (1) establish a Meals Tax Stabilization Fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B for the purpose of defraying the cost of non-operating expenses, and (2) appropriate \$162,060.13 to this Stabilization Fund from available resources.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 15**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate up to Six Hundred Thousand dollars (\$600,000) to be expended under the direction of the 2006 School Building Committee for a feasibility study (including certain architectural and engineering costs) for the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043, (the "Feasibility Study"). To meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority. The Town may be eligible for a grant for the Feasibility Study from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the Feasibility Study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. The amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Majority Vote**

**Article 16**

**VOTED:** That the Town rescind the authorization to issue debt of \$236,000 voted under Article 15 of the Warrant for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

**A Unanimous Vote**



## **Article 17**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for deposit to the Town's Conservation fund established pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C, for use by the Conservation Commission for the purchase of land, capital improvements to such land and expenses directly related to such acquisitions (surveys, engineering studies and other expenses), to make deposits or down payments toward acquisition or creation of such interests in open space and to otherwise preserve open space.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 18**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate a sum of not more than \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve to be used by the Recreation Commission to prepare a feasibility/design study and cost estimates for restoration of the Hingham Cordage Factory building.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 19**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$23,750 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve to restore and conserve selected photographs, art, and memorabilia from the G.A.R. collection.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 20**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$175,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve to be used by the Hingham Historical Commission to fund Phase One of the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower Restoration.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 21**

**VOTED:** That the Town (1) authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire or obtain by eminent domain or other means an

interest in real property for purposes of developing a wastewater treatment facility to serve the Industrial Park Area Sewer District (created by vote under Article 32 at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting) including dispersal area, utility corridor, access easements or roadways and (2) hereby appropriates \$160,000 to pay costs for said acquisition, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 22**

**VOTED:** That the Town hereby appropriates up to \$190,000 to pay costs of preliminary engineering, permitting, and submissions associated with developing a wastewater treatment facility, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 23**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration of not less than \$1.00 and on such terms as it deems in the best interests of the Town, to grant an easement to Perry South Shore Development, LLC, in order for said company to create and landscape a slope in conjunction with the redesigned intersection at Pond Park Road and Derby Street, necessary to support a retaining wall located on the property located at Two Pond Park Road.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 24**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$75,000 from available funds for civil engineering services to begin development of plans and specifications for the Derby Street Corridor roadway improvements and all incidental costs.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 25**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken to restrict political advertising campaign activities and financial contributions with respect to candidates in Town elections.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 26**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on term limits being provided for certain elected officers of the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 27**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on regulating Town elections by prohibiting parents of children in the public schools from running for or serving on the School Committee.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 28**

**VOTED:** That the Town, for the purpose of better disseminating to citizens information concerning warrant articles for annual and special Town meetings, amend the General By-Laws of the town of Hingham, as heretofore amended as follows:

1. Delete entirely the current text of Section 6 of Article 2 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 6 -In connection with each article made a part of the warrant for a town

meeting there shall be inserted in the warrant, the name of the town board, department or other town entity proposing the article, and in the case of an article inserted pursuant to a petition to the Selectmen, the name of the first person signing such petition and the words 'and others'."

2. Delete entirely the current text of Section 8 of Article 2 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 8 - (a) Each matter produced for insertion in a warrant for an annual or special town meeting, whether by a Town board or by petition, shall be submitted to the Selectmen in the form of the complete text of the proposed article accompanied by the full name and contact information of a knowledgeable representative of the proponent. In the case of an article submitted by petition, the submission also shall include the required signatures of at least ten registered voters of the Town in the case of an Annual Town Meeting or 100 registered voters of the Town in the case of a Special Town Meeting.

Section 8 - (b) The Selectmen, no later than ten days after any of the following: the January 20th date described in SECTION 7, the closing date of a re-opened warrant described in SECTION 7 or the closing date of the warrant for a special town meeting shall: (i) cause to be posted in a clearly identified position on the Town's website, a complete copy of each submission described in Section 8(a) above; and, (ii) transmit a copy of such submissions to the Advisory Committee; and (iii) make available for viewing or purchase a paper copy of such submissions."

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 29**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 3, "Procedures at Town Meetings," Section 6, by deleting the current Section 6 and replacing it with the following:

"Section 6 – Without the permission of the moderator, no person shall speak on any subject for more than six (6) minutes for the first time or more that three (3) minutes for the second time."

#### **A Majority Vote**

### **Article 30**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken to change the Moderator's Message on Town Meeting procedures.

#### **A Majority Vote**

### **Article 31**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken to direct the Department of Public Works to not accept any rubbish or construction debris from non-residents or commercial enterprises from out of town.

#### **A Majority Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 11:06 PM**

### **Second Session April 26, 2011**

**Registered Voters: 15,875**

**Attendance: 343**

**Reconvened: 8:13 PM**

### **Article 32**

**VOTED:** That the day-to-day operations of the Sewer Department be consolidated into the Public Works Department under the direction of the Public Works Superintendent in accordance with a proposed three-year contract effective July 1, 2011 between the Sewer Commission and the Board of Selectmen, under which the Sewer Commission will continue to be responsible for sewer policy, planning, financial management, rate setting, and service quality.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 33**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease not to exceed five years for a .28 acre parcel of land which is shown as Lot 140 on Assessors' Map 81, known

as the Tree & Park Barn, for the purpose of either commercial or non-profit use.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 34**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 10, 1941 in the Zoning Map Part A, as heretofore amended, by removing from Official and Open Space and including in Business District A a parcel of land on Short Street as shown on Assessors' Map 81, Lot 140.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote**

**Article 35**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 10, 1941 in the Zoning Map Part A, as heretofore amended, by removing from Official and Open Space and including in Residence District A a parcel of land on North Street shown on Assessors' Map 60, Lot 143.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 36**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from available sources a sum or sums of money sufficient for the design and engineering and installation of traffic lights and pedestrian signals at the intersection of Main (Rt. 228), Cushing and South Pleasant Streets.

**Affirmative Motion Presented**

**Standing Vote Taken**

**Yes 126**

**No 145**

**Motion Lost**

**Article 37**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1 At Section III-A, modify the Schedule of Permitted Uses for the Residential Districts A, B, C, D, E; Business A and B Districts, the Waterfront Business District, the Business Recreation District, and the Official and Open Space District, as set forth above in Item 1 of the foregoing Article 37.

Item 2 At Section VI, Definitions

A. Delete, in its entirety, the definition for Sit-Down Restaurant, and replace with the following new definition:

"An establishment offering prepared food and beverages to be primarily ordered, served and consumed at tables on the premises. Does not permit drive-thru service."

B. Eliminate the definition for Drive-In Restaurant and Take-out Restaurant

C. Replace, in its entirety, the definition for Fast Food restaurant, and replace it with the following new definition for "Fast Food/Take-Out" Restaurant:

"An establishment offering prepared foods and beverages on a self-serve basis or ordered at a counter, to be consumed on or off the premises."

D. Insert definition of Private Passenger Vehicle as follows:

"A motor vehicle used by an individual or family for personal transportation."

Item 3 At Section III-B, Note #7, delete the second sentence in its entirety.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Majority Vote**

### **Article 38**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, at Section IV-A (Schedule of Dimensional Requirements) by adding , at Business District B, Special Requirement #2.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Majority Vote**

### **Article 39**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

At Section VI (Definitions), clarify the definition of "Street" by replacing it with the following:

Street

- 1) A public way or way which the Clerk of the Town certifies is maintained and used as a public way, or
- 2) A way shown on a plan approved or endorsed in accordance with the Subdivision Control Law, or
- 3) A way in existence when the Subdivision Control Law became effective in the Town of Hingham having, in the opinion of the Planning Board, sufficient width, suitable grades, and adequate construction to provide for the needs of vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed use of the land abutting thereon or served thereby and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the buildings erected or to be erected thereon.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 40**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 41**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**A Majority Vote**

### **Article 42**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**A Unanimous Vote**



### **Article 43**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with the HAHT By-Law, adopted by vote under Article 21 at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, approve an allocation plan for any funds to be appropriated to the HAHT in FY 2011 and FY 2012; such allocation plan may include, without limitation, the following provisions:

(a) purpose-restricted funds which come to the HAHT in 2011 or FY 2012 for designated purposes via Town Meeting appropriation shall be allocated according to those purposes;

(b) funds allocated by a previous Town Meeting vote shall continue to be allocated according to the plan approved at that Town Meeting.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 44**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept Sections 27 and 28 of Chapter 131 of the Acts and Resolves of 2010 for the purpose of establishing the supplemental annual retirement allowance for certain survivors of disabled retirees at \$9,000 pursuant to Chapter 32, Section 101 of the General Laws.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 45**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

### **2/3rds Vote Required**

### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 46**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the laying out, as a Town way, of a way beginning at the intersection with French Street extending approximately 797 feet, more or less, in an easterly direction, through a turnaround as shown on a plan entitled: "As Built Plan" Cranberry Lane and Rosewood Lane, dated 09/08/06, prepared by Coneco Engineers & Scientists, Inc., as revised from time to time and the name Cranberry Lane be given said way.

### **2/3rds Vote Required**

### **A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 47**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the laying out, as a Town way, of a way beginning at the intersection with Cranberry Lane extending approximately 469 feet, more or less, in a northerly direction as shown on a plan entitled: "As Built Plan" Cranberry Lane and Rosewood Lane, dated 09/08/06, prepared by Coneco Engineers & Scientists, Inc., as revised from time to time and the name Rosewood Lane be given said way.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:55 PM**

## Special Town Meeting - October 24, 2011

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**Registered Voters: 16,079**

**Attendance: 2,329**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, October 24, 2011. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m, a quorum being present. Alexander MacMillan, Michael Puzo and James Conroy were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderators. The invocation was given by Father Nicholas Morecome of Glastonbury Abbey. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### **ARTICLES INDEX**

1. Bathing Bathhouse Lease
2. Restoration of Swap Area
3. High School Fields Improvement Project
4. Middle School Citizens' Petition
5. Middle School MSBA Model School Project
6. Middle School Alternative Plan

#### **Article 1**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Trustees of the Bathing Beach to (1) petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation to permit a long-term lease of a portion of a parcel of land which is shown on Assessors' Map 50 known as the Bathing Beach Bathhouse and (2) to enter into a long-term lease for said property for the purpose of a seasonal snack/refreshment stand and bathhouse.

#### **A Majority Vote**

#### **Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town direct the Board of Selectmen and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works to restore a "Swap Area" at the Transfer Station for every day the Transfer Station operates.

#### **Recommended No Action Taken**

#### **A Majority Vote**

### **Article 3**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate up to Nine Hundred Thirty Five Thousand dollars (\$935,000) to be expended under direction of the School Committee to fund Phase I of a high school fields improvement plan, including (1) the replacement of the high school track and repair to the high school tennis courts and (2) the development of design construction documents for Phase II of the project. To meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, §7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½).

#### **2/3rds Vote Required**

#### **Standing Vote Taken**

**Yes 1818**

**No 266**

#### **Motion Passed**

### **Article 4**

**VOTED:** That the Town instruct the School Committee, using available funds appropriated at the April 25, 2011 Annual Town Meeting, to develop an alternate Middle School Renovation/expansion plan. (The main proponents of the original article have agreed to the content of the substitute article and they concur in the "No Action" recommendation.)

#### **Recommended No Action Taken**

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 5**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of Sixty Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$60,910,920) for professional fees, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new middle school, under the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") Model School Program, to be located at 1103 Main Street (Lot 12 on Assessors' Map 197), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least fifty (50) years, said sum to be expended under the direction

of the 2006 School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44 and M.G.L. Chapter 70B, or any other enabling authority, upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and any grant the Town may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) approximately forty-three and 87/100 percent (43.87%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and provided that no construction contract shall be awarded for the new school until a Project Funding Agreement has been executed between the Massachusetts School Building Authority and the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to such vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**Ballot Vote Taken**

**Yes     1414**

**No       584**

**Motion Passed**

**Article 6**

**VOTED:**            This article was inserted by the Board of Selectmen as a substitute for the citizens' Middle School petition, Article 4.

**Recommended No Action Taken**

**A Majority Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 11:36PM**

## Cash Appropriations Fiscal Year 2012

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Article 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	390,730
Expenses	41,105
132 RESERVE FUND	550,000
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	321,887
Expenses	12,555
Capital Outlay	108,500
Audit	55,000
Information Technology	136,026
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	277,888
Expenses	11,587
Capital Outlay	0
Consulting	7,500
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	286,441
Expenses	47,808
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	232,000
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	4,692
Expenses	38,900
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	163,368
Expenses	6,957

162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	16,850
Expenses	24,060
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	572,697
Expenses	53,941
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	15,606
Expenses	5,333
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	171,431
Expenses	377,593
Capital Outlay	94,000
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	<u>12,491</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>4,052,946</u></u>
PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$354,521)	4,137,078
Expenses	298,626
Capital Outlay (\$118,000 from available reserves)	155,000
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$453,120)	3,967,478
Expenses	322,029
Capital Outlay (368,500 from available reserves)	368,500
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Payroll (Overtime \$71,868)	474,263
Expenses	5,000
244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Payroll	10,836
Expenses	475

291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Payroll	9,243
Expenses	2,580
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	44,700
Expenses	3,700
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	109,145
Expenses	34,266
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	326,500
Street Lighting	136,000
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>10,405,419</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	30,299,202
Expenses	7,351,564
Capital Outlay	329,327
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to be supplemented by \$783,629 in Federal grant money, for a total FY '12 Operating budget, net of capital outlay of \$38,434,395	
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u>37,980,093</u>
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
405 PROJECT ENGINEERING	
Payroll	199,013
Expenses	19,000
Capital Outlay (\$325,000 from available reserves)	325,000
Road Building/Construction	150,000
420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK	
Payroll (Overtime \$38,142)	1,600,032
Expenses	354,101



Capital Outlay	321,000
Snow Removal	500,000
Resurfacing	277,835
<b>430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING</b>	
Payroll (Overtime \$18,092)	423,721
Expenses	845,241
Capital Outlay	10,000
<b>440 SEWER COMMISSION</b>	
Payroll	314,458
Expenses	240,376
Capital Outlay	72,450
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	1,508,713
Debt Service	46,969
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	109,382
The sum of \$2,302,125 shall be funded from Sewer revenue.	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<u><u>7,327,291</u></u>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	
<b>510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>	
Payroll	268,853
Expenses	18,135
<b>541 ELDER SERVICES</b>	
Payroll	183,207
Expenses	20,774
Capital Outlay	12,341
Tax Work Off Program	40,000
<b>543 VETERANS' SERVICES</b>	
Payroll	41,200
Expenses	6,300
Benefits	218,000

545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER	2,500
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	<u>814,810</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,096,055
Expenses	234,111
Capital Outlay	20,000
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	67,738
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	16,374
Expenses	5,825
692 CELEBRATIONS	<u>11,150</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	<u>1,451,253</u>
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	1,919,861
The total sum of \$1,919,861 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	<u>1,919,861</u>
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	<u>7,387,903</u>
(\$3,672,711 is excluded from proposition 2 1/2)	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>7,387,903</u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE	7,200,000

900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	975,997
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	3,527,568
911 NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS	15,437
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	300,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	25,000
914 EMPLOYER MEDICARE TAXES	<u>630,292</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u><u>12,674,294</u></u>
UNCLASSIFIED	
901 INSURANCE	
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	381,000
940 CLAIMS AND INCIDENTALS	
Claims and Incidentals	11,250
Total	<u>11,250</u>
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>392,250</u>
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	84,406,120
Article 11	
Transfer from fund balance to Reserve Fund	825,000
Article 12	
Transfer from Available Reserves to Stabilization	1,172,576
Article 13	
From Stabilization to reduce 2012 Tax Rate	176,626
Article 14	
From Available funds to Meals Stabilization Fund	162,060
Article 15	
Feasibility Study Middle School	600,000

Article 16	
Rescind to issue debt voted under Article 15 2007	
Article 17	
CPC-Open Space Reserve	50,000
Conservation Fund	
Article 18	
CPC-Historic Resources Reserve	25,000
Restore Cordage Factory building	
Article 19	
CPC-Historic Resources Reserve	23,750
G A R Hall Collections	
Article 20	
CPC-Historic Resources Reserve	175,000
Memorial Bell Tower Restoration	
Article 21	
Land purchase for Developing wastewater treatment facility for the industrial park area	160,000
Article 22	
Design & Engineering costs for wastewater treatment facility	190,000
Article 23	
Easement to Perry So Shore Dev. For intersection redesign	1
Article 24	
From available funds for roadway improvements for the Derby Streets Corridor	75,000
	88,041,133

## Annual Town Election April 20, 2011

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### MODERATOR

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(One Year)</b>								
<b>Thomas L.P. O'Donnell</b>	223	242	334	268	307	178	174	<b>1726</b>
<b>Bernard Manning</b>	11	20	14	16	18	22	27	<b>128</b>
<b>Michael A. Salerno</b>	100	85	75	89	99	76	20	<b>544</b>
Blanks	6	10	10	7	3	3	8	<b>47</b>
Write-Ins	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

### SELECTMAN

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Three Years)</b>								
<b>L. Bruce Rabuffo</b>	220	238	288	286	301	176	145	<b>1654</b>
<b>Bernard Manning</b>	84	86	92	66	77	84	62	<b>551</b>
Blanks	30	29	51	25	42	16	22	<b>215</b>
Write-Ins	6	4	3	3	7	3	0	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Three Years)</b>								
<b>Stuart "Greg" Hall</b>	235	255	294	274	302	191	189	<b>1740</b>
Blanks	105	101	138	103	125	86	39	<b>697</b>
Write-Ins	0	1	2	3	0	2	1	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

### BOARD OF HEALTH

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Three Years)</b>								
<b>Stephan White</b>	244	270	289	275	299	193	178	<b>1748</b>
Blanks	95	87	144	104	127	85	51	<b>693</b>
Write-Ins	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Three Years)</b>								
<b>Kevin J. Bulman</b>	251	255	275	265	291	193	174	<b>1704</b>
Blanks	88	101	157	115	134	84	53	<b>732</b>
Write-ins	1	1	2	0	2	2	2	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

**SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Three Years)</b>								
<b>Carol M. Falvey</b>	247	274	293	269	303	192	169	<b>1747</b>
<b>Bernard Manning</b>	75	85	76	79	74	59	54	<b>502</b>
<b>Edward J. Schreier</b>	179	178	264	238	281	163	119	<b>1422</b>
Blanks	172	174	233	173	195	144	116	<b>1207</b>
Write-Ins	7	3	2	1	1	0	0	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>4892</b>

**PLANNING BOARD**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Five Years)</b>								
<b>Gary S. Tondorf-</b>								
<b>Dick</b>	162	157	200	220	224	154	127	<b>1244</b>
<b>Alan M. Kearney</b>	148	160	192	130	163	106	75	<b>974</b>
Blanks	30	40	42	30	40	19	27	<b>228</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

**PLANNING BOARD**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Four Years)</b>								
<b>William C. Ramsey</b>	253	262	302	275	296	202	172	<b>1762</b>
Blanks	87	95	132	103	131	75	57	<b>680</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

**SEWER  
COMMISSION**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Three Years)</b>								
<b>Edward F. Monahan</b>	232	248	263	249	278	185	171	<b>1626</b>
Blanks	107	107	169	129	148	93	57	<b>810</b>
Write-Ins	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

**RECREATION COMM**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Five Years)</b>								
<b>Paul G. Paget, Jr.</b>	230	245	276	265	288	188	172	<b>1664</b>
Blanks	110	112	157	114	139	90	57	<b>779</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

**RECREATION COMM**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Three Years)</b>								
<b>Robert D. Keyes</b>	223	235	251	238	265	172	167	<b>1551</b>
Blanks	114	117	180	140	154	105	61	<b>871</b>
Write-Ins	3	5	3	2	8	2	1	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

**RECREATION COMM**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 6A	TOTAL
<b>(Two Years)</b>								
<b>Frank G. Jones</b>	234	238	273	250	277	182	175	<b>1629</b>
Blanks	106	118	159	128	143	96	52	<b>802</b>
Write-Ins	0	1	2	2	7	1	2	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2446</b>

**Registered Voters 15,939**

**15.3%**

## Special Town Election October 29, 2011

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### QUESTION 1 - PROPOSTION 2 1/2 OVERRIDE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>YES</b>	370	459	433	599	523	419	275	<b>3078</b>
<b>NO</b>	340	377	141	353	371	270	228	<b>2353</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>5437</b>

### QUESTION 2 - PROPOSTION 2 1/2 OVERRIDE (HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS)

	PR 1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>YES</b>	460	574	570	703	633	512	318	<b>3770</b>
<b>NO</b>	249	263	279	248	263	178	181	<b>1661</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>5437</b>

## Vital Statistics

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Births	228	228	237	198	221
Marriages	86	89	82	80	74
Deaths	237	262	270	286	335

\*Received as of preparation of report. For verification of any individual record, call the Town Clerk's Office



## Building Department

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The Building Department's role is to protect the lives and property of the residents as well as visitors to the Town of Hingham, and contribute to the economic development through enforcement of the Massachusetts State Building Code and associated codes. This includes, but is not limited to the Town of Hingham Zoning By-Laws, National Electrical Code, Massachusetts Plumbing and Gas Code and the Architectural Access Board (Handicap Access Code).

In enforcing these codes we review architectural and engineered plans, issue permits when the application meets all of the legal requirements, perform inspections, answer complaints, and write violations when necessary. We respond to emergency situations, (fires, floods, storm damage and vehicle impacts) along with the fire and police departments. We have had a slight increase in building permits this year (1038), with a slight decrease in the number of building inspections (2330). This has also led to an increase in the plumbing/gas and electrical permits and inspections.

This year we have created new "counter permits" which include roofing, siding, and window permits. These permits can be issued by the office staff with minimal wait time, provided they meet other permitting requirements. The State has also mandated sheet metal permits which have added to the number of permits issued and are also counter permits. The creation of a new Zoning/Building code complaint form has helped us keep track of issues and created a better tracking system.

This past September we began using our new computer based permitting program which has received mixed reviews. We expect to gain proficiency with this program over the coming months and decrease wait times for the application process.

We anticipate a very busy year with the simultaneous construction of a new Middle School, the South Shore Education Collaborative new facility and the ongoing construction of the Shipyard.

We would like to thank our volunteers from the tax work off program. They have been a great help and we look forward to working with more volunteers in the future.

Mark Grylls, Inspector of Buildings

Fees Collected

1038	Building Permits	\$702,134
25	Final Cost Affidavits	67,669
605	Plumbing Permits	63,275
447	Gas Permits	23,600
1031	Electrical Permits	128,334
115	Certificate of Inspection	10,538
100	Occupancy	3,500
47	Re-inspection	3,575
54	Sheet Metal	12,800
2	Special Events	70
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3,464		\$1,015,495

Summary

		<u>Estimated Cost</u>
32	New Single Family Dwellings	\$13,502,000
14	Multi Fam Dwell (59 Units)	12,305,950
1	Rooming House	540,000
129	Dwelling Additions	11,953,920
506	Dwelling Alterations	9,991,657
7	Garage Additions	504,000
69	Commercial Alterations	6,666,098
1	Commercial Garage	440,000
1	Commercial Additions	58,000
1	New Office, Bank, Professional Buildings	937,500
1	Hospital	4,487,975
1	School	225,000
2	Recreation Building	75,600
2	Foundations Only	25,000
43	Demolitions	337,790
27	Demolitions (non-residential)	121,210
37	Sheds	697,908
2	Pools (above ground)	5,500
13	Pools (in ground)	425,600
54	Signs	117,368
16	Chimneys	99,050
17	Wood/Coal/Pellet Stoves	51,632
49	Temporary Tents	103,217
2	Retaining Wall	25,000
3	Antennae	185,000
8	Handicap Ramp & Other	3,000
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1038		\$64,031,620

## Conservation Commission

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In 2011 the staffing level of the Conservation Department was reduced when the Assistant Conservation Officer, Abigail Childs, left. Abigail's knowledge of vernal pools and marine fisheries was a great asset to the Town and will be missed. Many citizens enjoyed joining Abby on her field trips, exploring vernal pools and learning about other aspects of Hingham's open space areas. In addition, Abby's work with the senior volunteers (Kathy Lincoln and Edythe Cox) is greatly missed as they provided much needed services by clearing Conservation trails making them clean and accessible.

The work load in administering the state Wetland Protection Act and the local Wetland Bylaw continue at a high level of activity despite the continued downturn in the economy and its ramifications on new construction.

The Conservation Commission held 75 public hearings during 2011 for the following applications:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 43 Notices of Intent</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 Abbreviated Notices of Intent</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 23 Requests for Determinations of Applicability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Request for an Extension to an Order of Conditions</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 Requests for Amendments to Orders of Conditions.</li></ul>	

The Conservation Commission also ratified 5 Enforcement Orders and 1 Emergency Request, along with issuing 40 Certificates of Compliance to close out Orders.

Public access along the waterfront at Crow Point was reestablished after almost 2 years of legal efforts by Town agencies spearheaded by the Conservation Commission. Pedestrians can once again pass from Downer Avenue to North Beach along the harbor.

For the third year, the Hingham Conservation Commission has opened selected conservation areas to bow hunting during the fall deer and spring wild turkey seasons.

Many conservation commissions, state and municipal park commissions and quasi government open space managers use deer hunting as an effective management tool to deal with the burgeoning deer population. Hunters are important in the effort to protect natural habitat from the effect of over population, reducing vehicular/deer collisions and maintaining a healthy deer population and possibly reducing the spread of deer ticks which carry Lyme and other infectious diseases. A limited number of hunters are approved each year by the Conservation Commission and they must possess all the requisite permits and licenses before being allowed on designated Conservation lands. In turn, the hunters report on the health of the deer herd and other wildlife they observe during this period.

The Open Space and Recreation Plan 2009-2016 has been finished and approved by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. This arduous task, which is required in order to gain state and federal funds for a number of community projects, was completed by the Conservation Staff and citizen volunteers. A special thanks to Jim Watson who was instrumental in gathering information for the plan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovett donated 235R Rockland Street to Conservation as open space. Arrayed across the wooded ridgeline south of Rockland Street, this 10.6 acre parcel abuts the almost 6 acre recreation land on Canterbury Street; the ancient way Tugmanug borders the land to the north.

Carolyn Nielsen, Chair	Alan E. McKenna
Charles Berry	Robert Perry
Daniel Coughlin	Nina T. Villanova
Scott T. McIsaac	

## Personnel Board

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The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this annual report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2011.

Calendar 2011 saw the Personnel Board handle a host of issues. The Board classified and established job descriptions for the following Recreation Department positions: Summer Administrator, Summer Specialist, Fitness Room Attendant, Child Care Attendant and Counselor. We adjudicated one Public Works union grievance that was not satisfactorily resolved at a preliminary level. The Board reclassified the positions of Staff Accountant, Administrative Assistant for the Selectmen/Town Administrator's Office and Director of Recreation, and approved minor changes to the language in the Veterans' Benefits Administrator job description.

The Board approved requests that an individual appointed to the position of Police Officer be placed on a step in the applicable salary scale above the minimum step based on his prior experience as a Police Officer in another town.

The Board also worked with the various Department Heads in approving seven vacation carry-over requests. The Board approved a request for an extension of sick leave for two employees.

Last calendar year also saw our committee prepare for the 2011 Annual Town Meeting. In anticipation of the fiscal '11-'12 year that began on July 1, 2011, we recommended that there be a 2% general wage increase for Hingham employees not covered by a collectively bargained labor agreement effective July 1, 2011. This was approved by the Town Meeting. Our committee also recommended a revision of Section 19 of the Personnel By-Law concerning longevity and Section 23 concerning bereavement leave, changes that were adopted by the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

During calendar year 2011, the Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed two year successor labor contracts with the unions that represent the Police Patrol Officers and Public Works employees; the two contracts provide that, for their term, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013, there will be a general wage increase of 2% in each of the two years. We have a signed Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Superior Officers and are awaiting execution of the contract itself. The agreement covers the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013,

and provides for a general wage increase of 2% in each of the two years.

The Board ended calendar year 2011 with ongoing negotiations for successor contracts to those that expired on June 30, 2011, covering Fire Employees and Library Employees. Also, we concluded negotiations with Teamsters, Local 25 of a closing agreement with regard to the termination of the Town's collective bargaining relationship with Local 25, as bargaining agent for Town Dispatch employees, as a result of discontinuance of the Town's separate Dispatch Center. Dispatch employees are now employed by the South Shore Regional Communications Center.

We would like to acknowledge and thank William MacGillivray for his work with the Board, as well as welcome the Board's newest member, Russell Conn.

Michael Puzo, Chairman  
Russell Conn  
Marie Harris  
David Pace  
Nelson Ross

## Hingham Planning Board

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The Hingham Planning Board is pleased to submit this annual report for 2011.

Hingham witnessed continued commercial and institutional development in the past year. New construction and tenant fit-ups continued at Hingham Shipyard and in commercial districts throughout the Town. The Board conducted nine Site Plan Review hearings relative to non-residential construction projects, and issued three Special Permit A3's for requests for parking waivers from the Town's off-street parking regulations. Several joint hearings were conducted between the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals regarding applications for a Special Permit A2. Together, the Boards permitted a sit-down/take-out cupcake bakery on Main Street and Red Eye Roaster, Inc., located at 3 Otis Street. Application for Site Plan Review for Foxrock Research Realty, LLC came before the Board for the renovation and expansion of the existing 58,000 s.f. building to create an 84,000 s.f. building on approximately 8.2-acres of land located within the Industrial Park. The building, currently under construction, will be a school for children with disabilities in grades Pre-K to 12.

During 2011 the Planning Board reviewed and endorsed fourteen Form A (Approval Not Required) plans for lot line changes, land swaps between adjacent parcels, and the creation of new lots in all areas of Town. The Board reviewed and ultimately approved applications for three new 2-3 lot residential subdivisions: Fox Run Way (19 and 19R Gardner Street); 303 Gardner Street and Sprague Court (987 Main Street). Small, infill subdivisions such as these can be the source of great concern to area residents, who are often surprised to find that a property formerly occupied by a single home can, if it complies with zoning, be divided by the owner into two or more house lots with few restrictions. In fact, only a two-thirds majority of Town Meeting voters can change the underlying zoning in such a way that would prevent further infill development. That said, this trend prompted Planning Board members to take a look at existing Subdivision Regulations, and develop new requirements for roadways in 2-3 lot subdivisions intended to lessen their visual impact on surrounding neighborhoods.

In the months leading up to the 2011 Town Meeting, the Planning Board discussed and held public hearings on twelve proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law, five of which were brought to Town Meeting. The purpose of the articles were to clarify definitions, rezone several properties within the Town and amend the Use Table to respond to

current land use patterns and trends while protecting the long-term best interests of the Town. Of note, Article 34 rezoned the former Tree and Park Barn parcel from Official and Open Space to Business A, allowing for a broader range of re-use options. Currently, the building is being leased by a local furniture maker. Article 35 changed the zoning designation of the parcel occupied by the Hersey House from Official and Open Space to Residence A. The change was made to allow for the sale and re-conversion of this former Town-owned property to a single family residence. With Article 37, the Planning Board worked with the Zoning Board of Appeals to continue the job of updating the Table of Permitted Uses, focusing on Residential and Business Districts.

Planning Board members continue to play an active role as members of and designees to several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, Harbor Task Force and Traffic Committee. As with recent previous years, 2011 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Historic Districts Commission, Harbor Development Committee, and the Hingham Development and Industrial Committee.

Sarah Corey, Chairman  
Judith Sneath, Clerk  
Paul Healey  
Gary Tondorf-Dick  
William Ramsey



## Zoning Board of Appeals

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The Board of Appeals has three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms, and three associate members appointed to 1-year terms. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.

In 2011 a total of thirty-one applications were received, resulting in thirty-seven hearings being held. The Board of Appeals granted thirteen Variances. Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law where the applicant demonstrates substantial hardship, unique conditions affecting the property and no substantial detriment to the public good. The majority of the Variances approved were related to residential garages, both attached and detached. The Board granted a modification to the existing Variance for the Hingham High School Athletic Department to allow for portable lighting for one evening football game held on Veterans Day in November. In June, after numerous hearings had been held, the Board allowed the withdrawal of a Variance application to re-establish the use of an existing structure as a single family dwelling on a parcel of land in a residential zone on Bonnie Brier Circle. The Board ultimately decided it was not the intention of the Zoning By-Law to terminate currently conforming uses, even if a property had been left vacant or unused for two or more years.

The Board heard applications on fourteen Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use which is expressly permitted by the Special Permit, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special Permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. Special Permit applications approved include a wireless telecommunications monopole in the Industrial District on Sharp Street, two residential docks/piers along the waterfront and ground and building signs for the previously approved bone and muscle center in the Industrial Park. Applications also approved, after jointly held hearings with the Planning Board, include a sit-down/take-out coffee bar along the waterfront on Otis Street and a sit-down/take-out cupcake bakery on Main Street.

In October the Board approved an application filed by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for a Comprehensive Permit under Chapter 40B to construct eight residential housing units on Beal Street. This development will add two affordable housing units to the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory.

The Board would like to express its thanks for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year. The Board also would encourage all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are held on selected evenings at Town Hall.

SUMMARY

Applications:	31	
Hearings:	37	
Special Permits:	14	(11 granted with conditions, 3 withdrawn)
Variances:	20	(13 granted with conditions, 5 withdrawn, 1 dismissed 1 denied)
Appeals:	2	(1 denied, 1 withdrawn)
Comprehensive Permits:	1	(1 granted with conditions)

W. Tod McGrath, Chairman  
Joseph M. Fisher, Vice-Chairman  
Joseph W. Freeman, Clerk

Suzanne Letizia-Eddy, Zoning Administrator



*Community Planning Department  
L to R: Cliff Prentiss, Conservation Officer; Katy Lacy,  
Town Planner; Andrea Young, Historical Administrator;  
Mark Grylls, Building Inspector; Sue Letizia-Eddy, Zoning Administrator*

## Department of Public Works

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The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivisions, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries.

We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with bidding, procurement, building maintenance, and vehicle maintenance and repairs.

The Department of Public Works is directly responsible for snow and ice control on all public roadways, parking areas, public buildings, driveways, schools, sidewalks and certain private ways and unaccepted subdivisions. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as, the monitoring, maintenance, and closure of the Town's former Sanitary Landfill.

### Highway Division

The following roads were either Reconstructed or Resurfaced:

Beal Street	Governor Andrew Road	Rice Road
Clark Road	Eastgate Lane	Simmons Road
Cross Street	Kimball Beach Road	Talbot Street
Foley Beach Road	New Bridge Street	Clifford Court
Governor Long Road	Otis Hill Road	

Sidewalk Reconstruction: Beal Street at Lynch Field

Maintenance Operations: Painted & marked, swept & cleaned 139 miles of Town owned roadways and 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,139 drainage structures and outfalls, install, repair, and maintain 3100 traffic and street signs.

Vehicle Maintenance: The new facility allows us to maintain the DPW, Transfer Station and Sewer Department's equipment safely and more efficiently. This equipment includes 11 Dump Trucks w/ sanders and plows, 11 ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks w/ plows, 3 Sidewalk Plows, 4 Front End

Loaders, 2 Backhoes, 2 Street Sweepers, 1 Bucket Truck, 1 Logging Material Handler, 1 Chipper, 10 Mowers, Chainsaws, and 2 Rollers. The DPW Shop also has maintained vehicles for the Board of Health, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park and Town Hall.

Snow and Ice Control: 48.0" of snow, 12 Snowplow Operations, 28 Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2011 Trackless Multi-Purpose Tractor, 2011 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper, 2011 Chevrolet 2500 Pick-up truck with plow, 2011 Chevrolet 1-Ton Dump Truck with plow.

Special Projects: Town Pier Repair – On short notice, the DPW repaired the Town Pier which saved the Town of Hingham \$7,300 and also allowed the pier to be used for Memorial Day weekend. The DPW also assisted in the landfill capping by supplying manpower, trucking and equipment when it was necessary.

#### Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 57

Tree Removals: 190

Trees Pruned: 1246

New Equipment: None

#### Special Projects/Maintenance:

The Tree and Park division of the DPW had an extremely busy year with two (2) Nor'easters creating extensive tree damage and Tropical Storm "Irene" further complicating winter's damage. Hazardous tree removals and extensive pruning throughout the town has effectively minimized the incidents resulting from the storm damage. The George Washington Town Forest's fire roads and trails have been opened up and cleared of hazards to make trails more accessible and safe.

The Tree and Park division also maintains 110 parks and traffic islands throughout the town and also maintains in excess of 1,000 acres of open space and over 10,000 public shade trees. We also provide assistance to various committees, boards and departments within the Town.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated a *Pin Oak* tree for Arbor Day which was planted at the Town Hall on Arbor Day as part of the annual celebration. Hingham was named as a Tree City USA for the 23rd time in recognition of the Town's strong commitment to caring for and protection of our public shade trees.

The Department of Public Works would like to express its sincere gratitude to the many hours the Shade Tree Committee provided in the design and planting of Jackass Park. The Garden Club of Hingham made a generous donation to make the revitalization of Jackass Park possible with many thanks to them. The DPW assisted in the design of Jackass Park and planted the trees while enduring many hours of storm related work during the year. Our staff's knowledge and experience is a great asset to the town and we would be happy to discuss any questions regarding the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs.

#### Recreation Division

The Recreation Division is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds and other open spaces throughout the Town. The Recreation Division mows and maintains Pal Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Park and Kress Playground Park and Field, the harbor waterfront area and numerous other public grounds, areas and schools.

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvement of public roads, drainage, trees and other Town property, and assists with snow and ice control throughout the Town. This year the Recreation Division has teamed up with the Tree and Park division and has worked successfully together providing everyday maintenance to the Town's parks and facilities and most importantly in emergency situations that were storm related.

New Equipment: None

#### Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year we transferred 6,646 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester, MA and 911 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England recycling in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,427 tons of mixed recyclables, 9,000 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 3.5 tons of tires, 2,750 gallons of motor oil, 233,650 pounds of electronics, and handled 341 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 263,590 cans and 70,855 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$19,705 to 25 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year and in exchange the youth groups provide a community service. Some examples of the services that are provided by youth groups are picking up trash from parks, putting out flags to honor veterans' graves,

and picking up trash at the Harbor waterfront. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees, benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2011, the revenue from the scale was \$42,143 which is ahead of schedule for the three year payoff. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from blue to red.

With the installation of a vehicle counter, we find that the Transfer Station accepts an average of 6,000 to 8,000 cars per week.

With disposal costs projected to rise steadily in the future, the economic benefits of separation and recycling cannot be overemphasized. We urge residents to maximize their recycling efforts and to reduce waste disposal through separation, recycling and composting. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

Special Projects: The final portion of the landfill was capped and completed in November 2011. The installation of a floor drain holding tank began in December 2011 for the Transfer Station's Recycling Building and is scheduled to be completed in 2012.

New Equipment: Aluminum Refuse Trailer

#### Interdepartmental

The DPW and the Sewer Department crews are now working out of the DPW building and are under the direction of the DPW Superintendent. This arrangement took place in July of 2011 and has allowed both departments to realize savings from sharing manpower and equipment. The consolidation has also allowed the DPW and Sewer Dept. to save in operating expenses and has allowed the DPW to use its workforce more efficiently. We will continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services for the Town of Hingham.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like to thank and commend all the employees of the DPW who sacrificed many long hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of

my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

Special thanks to all of the Sewer Commissioners, Michael Salerno, Ed Demko, Andrew Spath, newly elected Commissioner Ed Monahan and the employees of the Sewer Dept. and DPW for a smooth transition of leadership of day to day operations. This arrangement has allowed both departments to be more efficient and cost effective.

Randy Sylvester  
DPW Superintendent



*The Transfer Station has been under a mandate from the DEP for a number of years to act on a noncompliant (uncapped) landfill. In July, 2011 the Board of Selectmen approved the "capping" of the remaining 8.5 acre site (Phase II). The \$1,768,000 project was completed in November, on time and on budget, and is now in conformance with DEP standards. The completed cap will provide additional space for compost and rubble and will look like a grassy mount. Polaris Engineering and ET&L Construction did a great job. My thanks to the residents of Hingham for their patience and understanding during the project.*

*Roger Fernandes, Projects Engineer.*

## Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

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It is with great pleasure that I submit my inaugural report to the citizens of Hingham on behalf of the Lighting Board and the employees of the Lighting Plant. The Lighting Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electric system to its customers due in large measure to the three person elected Light Board members who put policies and procedures in place with the long term best interests of Hingham businesses and residents in mind.

For the 2011 fiscal year the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town of Hingham a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$513,530. To calculate the amount of the contribution we adopted the use of a formula which is tied to the amount of electricity purchased. To help the Town prepare their operating budget while we certify purchases we are currently committed to a base payment of \$450,000. When our final purchase number has been approved by our auditors we true up and make that year's final payment. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive.

The Lighting Plant continues to support energy efficiency efforts at Town owned facilities. These energy savings translate into dollars saved which ultimately make their way back to you in the form of Town services. Over the past year we have subsidized energy audits at Town Hall, the Library and High School. Our contributions did not end with paying for an audit report. We helped with financing lighting retrofits, equipment changeovers and improvements to heating and cooling equipment. It is expected those efforts have resulted in energy savings to the Town in the range of tens of thousands of dollars.

Our energy savings activities do not end with Town facilities. Our Hingham Is Going Green program has been existence for close to a year. The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by investor owned utilities. The huge difference between our program and theirs is in how it gets financed. Theirs gets paid for by assessing their customers on a per KWH fee. HMLP finances our program.

The Lighting Board has directed me to continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable energy sources that make sense from both an electrical and financial point of view. To that end we and several other municipal lighting plants bought the entire output of a wind farm in Woodstock Maine which went commercial in December. The Spruce Mountain Wind Project consists of 10 2-megawatt (MW) turbines capable of producing more than 60 million kilowatt-hours of clean,



emission-free, renewable energy per year— enough to power approximately 9,600 homes. Right now over 9% our electricity comes from renewable sources of energy. The developer of the Spruce Mountain Project is exploring the possibility of siting additional turbines in the vicinity of the first ten. We are closely following the progress of this endeavor and, if it makes sense, we will happily sign on for more power. The Lighting Plant also works closely with the Town's Energy Action Committee in their work promoting responsible energy use in both public and private settings.

As of this writing our Auditor's report is not available for publication. When the 2011 report is certified it will be posted on our web site, as have your Annual Reports going back to 2002. It appears sales in 2011 were basically flat from 2010. The system peak load in 2011 was 56.6MW in July which set an all time record. This represents a 6% increase over the previous all time peak which occurred in 2010. 2010's peak was a 15% increase over the prior all time high.

The Lighting Plant continues to make both capital improvements and steadfastly maintains its electric distribution system. One of our most important missions is to "keep the lights on" and if they go out to "get them back on safely and quickly". 2011 was a year which tested our mettle in that regard. Due to the efforts of HMLP employees neither the record-setting snowfalls in the winter nor the dog days of summer brought significant problems to your electric system. The results of all our work best manifested in August when tropical storm Irene blew into Hingham. The office staff who answered your calls on that Sunday, the engineering support folks who diagnosed and dispatched field crews and the lineman all worked diligently to keep your lights on and get power back to those who were without. Several worked outside their traditional job functions while serving you. Our performance truly shined! If you have friends or family in neighboring towns you know this to be true. The lighting plant was literally fielding calls from radio, TV and print media asking how it was that everyone in little old Hingham "had their lights" by Tuesday evening while neighboring towns had hundreds and hundreds of people still without power days later.

The lighting plant continues to search for a suitable location to build an Operations Center to house administrative and operations personnel in a single location.

Your Light Board is made up of three elected Hingham citizens, listed below, who volunteer their time and efforts to make the Hingham

Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that Hinghamites should be proud of.

It is appropriate to thank the men and women of the Lighting Plant for their tireless hard work in making the system safe, reliable and for responding to customer requests in a timely manner. HMLP employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the lighting plant. I would also like to thank my predecessor, John Tzimirangas, for his stewardship as GM and wish him well in his new endeavor.

Paul G. Heanue, General Manager

Hingham Municipal Light Board

John A. Stoddard Jr., Chairman

John P. Ryan, Vice-Chairman

Walter A. Foskett, Secretary



*A line crew making repairs on East Street during Tropical Storm Irene*

## Sewer Commission

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2011 was a pivotal year for the Hingham Sewer Department. Following affirmative votes by the Government Study Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the annual Town Meeting, and the Board of Sewer Commissioners, the day-to-day operations of the Sewer Department were outsourced to the Public Works Department. The Sewer Department began to work under the direction of the Public Works Superintendent in accordance with a three-year contract effective July 1, 2011 between the Sewer Commission and the Board of Selectmen. The Sewer Commission continues to be responsible for sewer policy, planning, financial management, rate setting, and service quality while the Public Works Superintendent is responsible for the actual operations of the department. This arrangement is expected to realize a modest savings and increased efficiencies through equipment- and labor-sharing.

Article 32 of the 2010 Town Meeting created a new sewer district known as the Industrial/Office Park Sewer District and placed it under the control of the Sewer Commission. Two other Warrant Articles dealing with that district were approved by Town Meeting in 2011. The first article dealt with the acquisition of a parcel of land and various access easements to allow for the construction of a decentralized, on-site wastewater treatment facility for the area. The second article covered the cost for needed engineering and hydrological studies, testing, and documentation activities to ensure that the acquired property meets the requirements of the State Environmental Code.

The upgrading of the operating systems of the grinder pumps in the Weir River Sewer District continued in 2011 with the final turnover of the systems to homeowners to occur in early 2012.

The Sewer Commission would like to remind sewer users that the introduction of extraneous water (I/I) and/or fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into the system causes excessive wastewater treatment and repair costs. These costs represent over 70% of the total Sewer Department budget and it is imperative to keep these costs in check in order to keep the sewer use rate down. Homeowners in the sewer districts who use sump pumps can aid the effort to reduce I/I by contacting the Commission to have their pumps checked. Any flow found entering the sewer system will be redirected, at no cost to the property owner. While there is a program to reduce or eliminate FOG from non-residential cooking establishments, individuals can help to alleviate this problem as well. The Sewer Commission requests that residents refrain from putting any

fatty substances into their drains. Your assistance in these areas is greatly appreciated.

The Sewer Commission welcomed new board member Edward Monahan who replaced out-going commissioner Andrew Spath. The department appreciated Mr. Spath's contributions and looks forward to a productive relationship with Mr. Monahan.

As always we want to thank our maintenance staff, Jim Dow, Larry Hallahan, Steve Dempsey, and Ed Hunnefeld; and our office staff, Kate Lathrop, Joanne Carpenter, and Susan Morrison for their dedication and hard work.

Michael A. Salerno, Chairman  
Edmund Demko  
Edward F. Monahan



*"The Alley at SSCC"*

*The 10 lane candlepin bowling alley at South Shore Country Club has been completely renovated. TVs, sound system and a new and expanded party room have been added for your enjoyment.*

## Fire Department/Emergency Management

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2011 was another busy year for the department with a total of 3,859 emergencies. As the town continues to grow, so does our work load. We are required to conduct many hundreds of inspections each year including smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors, oil burner inspections, tank removal inspections, sprinkler system reviews, blasting permits, open burning permits, hydrant inspections and plans review. The department is very involved in the residential as well as the commercial building that is taking place in Hingham despite the downturn in the economy.

Training is another area that is a requirement for the emergency medical services we provide and firefighting. Although we have been able to continue the proper level of emergency medical training, because of budget cuts we have fallen behind in firefighter, hazardous materials and incident command training, just to name a few. I have requested additional funding in the FY13 budget so that we may restore our training program back to responsible levels. For the safety of the residents as well as our firefighters, we cannot afford not to have a properly trained fire department. Our ability to conduct fire safety training for our residents and students has also been compromised because of budget cuts. This is another area I hope to restore and rebuild in the future.

In February, David Nickerson returned from a one-year deployment in Afghanistan. When he returned the first place he visited was Central Fire Station where he received a warm reception from family friends and department members. We are very pleased to have Dave back safe and sound serving the residents as a firefighter/paramedic.

Our radio upgrade was completed in March and for the first time in many years the fire department is in the same frequency spectrum (UHF) as the police department, all of our surrounding neighbors as well as most of the departments in Plymouth County. In addition, portable radio coverage was significantly improved throughout town. In the near future all town departments will have converted to UHF and will be able to communicate with each other utilizing a single radio.

Considerable progress has been made with the South Shore Regional Dispatch Center located in Town Hall. Completion is expected to occur in 2012. Once completed, Hingham, Hull Cohasset and Norwell 911 Fire & Police Dispatching will all be located in the new facility. The new facility will provide more efficient dispatching of emergency calls while at the

same time providing a higher level of safety for residents and public safety personnel. In addition the facility has the capability of adding additional communities which would result in additional savings and efficiency. The new facility has provided a new and much needed computerized dispatch and records keeping system. Deputy Fire Chief Olsson has worked extremely hard on this project and spent many hours working out the technical issues. His assistance and expertise has been paramount to its success. Many others from all the participating communities have also made considerable contributions in time and effort.

Working with the Board of Health, our Local Emergency Planning Committee conducted our annual Table Top Exercise in May. Over 40 town officials participated in the all day exercise. This year's subject was an extended ice storm event. Much was learned and I cannot overstate the importance of these training exercises. We are very fortunate that the Board of Health is able and willing to fund these events utilizing a grant. The grant allows for an outside consultant to formulate and design the exercise that is challenging as well as educational. At the end of the day all of the participants are all better prepared to meet the needs of the residents during emergencies which can occur at any time without warning.

Tropical Storm Irene visited us on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Although Hingham was spared of any significant damage and power outages, it was because of the excellent preplanning that all departments participate in that made it possible. A special well done goes to the Department of Public Works who not only was well prepared for the storm but was also able to secure the services of outside contractors to assist with clean up. I am happy to report that most of the costs associated with the cleanup will be reimbursed by FEMA. During the storm our new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated. Representatives from Fire, Police, DPW, Light Department, Selectmen's Office, Harbormaster and Emergency Management were all present at the E.O.C. and were able to collectively make the necessary decisions needed to coordinate the cleanup and restoration of power to the town. A special thank you to all employees who left their homes and families and worked to protect the community.

During the year the department converted our 1999 pick-up truck into a brush truck. Now designated as "Forest One" and equipped with 4 wheel drive, it is available to respond to woods, brush and grass fires in areas where larger apparatus cannot reach. It is also available to respond to medical emergencies in those same areas if required.

Although our Central Fire Station is in fine shape due to the renovation that took place recently, our two satellite stations are again showing their age. Constructed in 1942, both buildings are in need of electrical, plumbing and heating updates as well as painting and roof work. I will be requesting funding in future budgets for the necessary required improvements.

Again I urge everyone to make sure you have working Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide alarms in every level of your home. Unfortunately, Carbon Monoxide incidents are on the rise. Carbon Monoxide is known as the "Secret Killer." We frequently find homes with Carbon Monoxide levels that are unsafe. A simple and inexpensive detector can prevent a tragedy. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors every seven years. Should you require assistance with installation or replacement, please call us.

Captain Frances Krause retired in May after 34 years of service. Firefighter Michael Antoine who also served as the Fire Alarm Superintendant retired in October after serving the town for 35 years. Both of these members served with great distinction and always had the best interests of the department and the community during their careers. They leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

Each year I thank all the town departments, boards and committees we work with for their excellent cooperation, assistance and support. 2011 was no exception.

Mark Duff  
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

## Police Department

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As the ninth Chief of Police for the Town of Hingham, this is my first report as your Chief. We continue to witness a period of transition and embrace the challenges of change. Chief Taylor Mills, Deputy Chief Brad Durant and Patrolmen Brian Aiguier retired this past year; we wish them well and thank them for their service and sustained dedication and commitment to the Town of Hingham. We welcome newly appointed Officers Michael Rockoff, Ryan Ross, Kaitlin McLaughlin, Michael Gervasi and Daniel Murphy, all of whom successfully completed the Municipal Police Academy and Field Training Program. We likewise wish them well and welcome them to our police family.

While the economy continues to affect all of us, its impact here in our town has resulted in over 18,000 calls for service. We attribute some calls to service growth, development in Hingham, and others to the economy and drug abuse. Ongoing development of the Hingham Shipyard, South Shore Industrial Park, and Linden Ponds along with other growth in town has inevitably increased the demands for service. This past year alone, Hingham experienced five bank robberies and saw an unsettling increase in residential house breaks which we attribute to the growing drug addiction problem plaguing the South Shore. Many of the people charged with these crimes have addiction problems associated with heroin and opiates. As a police department we remain determined to investigate and prosecute those committing crimes within our community.

In October, we opened the South Shore Regional Communications Center along with the towns Cohasset, Hull and Norwell. This dispatch center has state of the art technology enabling us to provide our residents with effective service by allowing our officers to have the ability to have on-board real time access to information, making them more effective. It also increases their safety in the cruiser by having computers which facilitate safer and more efficient police work. This has resulted in a commensurate capital cost savings to our residents of over \$400,000.00. In the upcoming years, we look to even greater savings with the addition of more communities to this Center.

2011 saw Harbormaster Ken Corson and his assistants utilizing their newest equipment, a patrol boat secured as a result of a regional Homeland Security Port Grant with the cities of Quincy and Weymouth. Due to ongoing efforts of the harbormaster, the mooring fields are complete in both the inner and outer harbor, enabling more boaters to take advantage of mooring their boats here in Hingham waters.



Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger remains busy due to our collaboration with the Town of Hull as the regional ACO. As part of a mutual aid pact, she works in Hull for 10 hours a week and we are reimbursed by the Town of Hull for her services. This is working well.

In the face of all the demands on our police department, I am pleased to report that our community policing programs remain strong. Our D.A.R.E. program completed its 18<sup>th</sup> year in our schools; our Neighborhood Watch and Designator Driving programs meet continued success. In addition, we completed our 40<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy class as well as our R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense). I thank those officers and speakers who participated in these programs to make it a community policing success.

As part of that success, our Hingham Citizen Police Academy Alumni group likewise remains a strong source of support for such programs as Family Fun Day, D.A.R.E. Hockey and Basketball games, Drug Collection Day and their donations for various Police Department programs contributing to the success of our mission.

I have enjoyed working actively with the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board, Capital Outlay, Personnel Board and other Town departments in carrying out our mission. I look forward to a continued successful relationship with them in the future. My Deputy Chief, Glenn Olsson, has been my partner in directing this year of change. Together, we continue to seek grant opportunities and explore different ways to maintain excellent police service to the citizens of Hingham and the public in general.

A special note to Officer John Marquadt as he continues to serve our country in Afghanistan. We keep him in our thoughts and prayers as he serves in harm's way there.

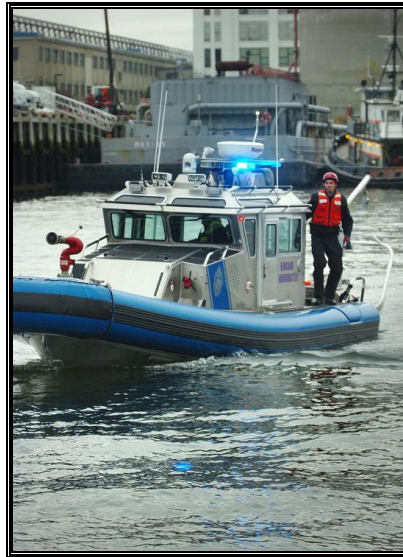
And finally, but most especially, I thank the men and women of the Hingham Police Department for their dedication and support. It is because of their tireless commitment and professionalism, that Hingham remains the town that it is; one that we continue to enjoy living and working in.

Michael J. Peraino  
Chief of Police

## Harbormaster

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2011 was highlighted by delivery of our new patrol vessel in late August. The Department of Homeland Security awarded our town \$450,000 to purchase a 31' SAFEBOAT. This boat replaced the 26' Sea Ark as Marine I. The pleasant fall offered us plenty of time to perform sea trials while training in the use of our new equipment. This state of the art vessel offers technology that will aid in more effective search and rescue, law enforcement, and inter agency communications. Our vessel and those of our partner agencies provide an effective port security team for the Port of Boston. Hingham is the southernmost point of the Port of Boston, a mere 10 miles from the City of Boston boundary line. Hingham has been considered a primary evacuation point for Boston. Fortunately we have never had to undertake such a mission however; these plans have become realistic as we saw in the 2001 New York Boatlift.



Since the economic collapse of 2008 the popularity of the Worlds End Mooring Area has grown as boaters stay closer to home. During the boating season, this mooring area, secluded by the Worlds End drumlin, may see up to 600 boats visit on a weekend. Boating costs have increased over the last 4 years, especially marine fuel; however, boaters still want to use their boats. As a result, this inexpensive, almost tropical summer location has grown in popularity. We continue to keep this area fun, safe, and economical for the boaters.

The influx of transient boaters combined with exceptional management and implementation of our pumpout program has led to a record high of over 500 calls for service; a 75% increase from 2009. 14,000 gallons of holding tank raw waste was removed from vessels. This program is without a doubt contributing to cleaner water. Despite our improving water quality ratings, we still find ourselves with numerous beach closings each year and decreasing shellfish populations. This fall, an application was made to Coastal Zone Management for a shore side pumpout station. This will allow boaters to pump the waste from their own boats. Our pumpout boat can also off load its waste without making trips to nearby communities. Many applications were received for a small amount of funding. Award announcements are expected in early 2012. (\$85,000 award was granted in February 2012)

The Division of Marine Fisheries conducts routine water quality tests as part of assisting with the administration of our commercial shellfish resource. Our water quality is excellent; however, our soft shelled clams still require depuration in Newbury MA before going to the market. After depuration, our soft shelled clams quite often have lower levels of potential toxins than soft shelled clams not requiring depuration. Several areas in our shellfish resource are being considered for reclassification from prohibited to conditionally restricted. This would open those areas to commercial shellfishing. As part of our Municipal Propagation Program, we introduced over 300,000 clam seeds into areas of the Inner Harbor.



Our regional collaborations combined with a strong commitment to Municipal Shellfish Propagation resulted in a joint application with Hull and Weymouth for funding from the Governors Community Innovation Challenge Grant. This would fund equipment and a regional approach to

managing our shellfish resource, allowing us to improve our Municipal Shellfish Propagation Program. Over 100 applications were received and awards will be announced in early 2012.

Our five Islands are thriving. Most in our community are unaware of these relatively unexplored treasures. We continue to protect and preserve their beauty. The largest, Bumpkin Island, has ferry service from the Hingham Shipyard and other points in Boston. It can accommodate roughly 40 campers a night. Calls for service have increased mainly due to needs for medical emergency services. Over the next year routine patrols of this island to assist the rangers with public safety and community policing will be a part of our daily patrols.

The Outer Harbor Mooring Plan was implemented this spring, providing 363 mooring locations, an unimpeded channel to the Inner Harbor, and more efficient inspection of all mooring gear for suitability. This took place with great success, and provided a fair and equitable assignment of mooring locations to the public. This resulted in an increase of approximately \$16,000 in mooring permit receipts for this mooring area. Mooring revenues were 2% higher than 2010. This plan will be perfected over the next few years to address a few mooring issues which include lack of needed deep water and a process for fair assignment of vacant moorings.

This fall, the Board of Selectmen adopted the Mooring Regulations that the Harbormaster recommended after 2 years of drafting, public comment, mooring gear analysis, and legal review. These will provide all permit holders with a clear set of regulations and rules which will help protect their vessels and define the expectations for the mooring process from application to permit issuance. This is the first time Hingham has ever had a comprehensive set of Mooring Regulations and they provided the basis for a well organized and managed harbor.

Overall this was a very busy summer with exceptional weather for boaters to enjoy our waters. We responded to over a thousand calls for assistance and pumpouts; which averaged about 8 calls for service per day from July –October.

Our mooring plans and mooring gear weathered both a large late summer Hurricane and October storm very well. One boat was reported to have broken its mooring during the October storm. It is seen below next to the Hingham Yacht Club. These are excellent statistics to report for a harbor with roughly 1,300 moorings. Our moorings are engineered appropriately for their intended use and they are properly inspected.



Hingham is slowly transforming into a destination harbor. We generate roughly \$4,000-\$5,000 a year in transient mooring revenues between Worlds End Mooring Area and the Inner Harbor Mooring Basin. I anticipate we will see more transient moorings become available, offering additional access to our restaurants and shopping areas as well as some of the more secluded and natural settings. Our pumpout services and efforts to improve the water front in the Inner Harbor along with the great improvements already made to the Shipyard offer boaters a lot of new opportunities to experience Hingham. Hingham will always be the quaint harbor just south of Boston; however, we are slowly rising to the level of some of the more well-rounded sailing destinations in the North East.

Your Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormasters are honored to be the waterfront representatives of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always open to questions and suggestions. We can be emailed at [harbormaster@hingham-ma.com](mailto:harbormaster@hingham-ma.com). If you have an emergency or need immediate assistance please call public safety dispatch at 781-749-1212, otherwise our business line, 781-741-1450.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth R. Corson III  
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable  
Custodian of the Islands

## Traffic Committee

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The Traffic Committee exists to assist Hingham residents and business owners with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in all areas of the Town. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes but rather recommends proposals to the Board of Selectmen.

The issue of South Elementary School overflow parking on Independence Lane was raised by Independence Lane residents as well as other residents from Liberty Pole. The situation resulted in safety issues for school children as well as a safety hazard created by vehicles blocking access of fire trucks in the event of an emergency. After multiple meetings (and including the input of the School Department/Traffic Study Subcommittee), it was determined that signage was necessary as a traffic measure to improve the situation and enable the Police Department to provide enforcement. The Traffic Committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen that "No Parking Anytime" signs be posted at the triangle at Independence Lane and Liberty Pole Road and within 20 feet of the intersection (as required by Town parking regulations). Also recommended was that "School Zone" signs be posted on Liberty Pole Road between Main Street and the exit of South School and on Liberty Pole Road near the intersection of Independence Lane. Lastly, it was recommended that "No Parking Anytime" signs be posted on the odd numbered side of Independence Road from the end of the 20 feet area of the triangle to the north side of the driveway of 7 Independence Lane. These recommendations were made by the Traffic Committee and approved by the Board of Selectmen and have been implemented as such.

A request was brought to the Traffic Committee by Michael Fitzpatrick, Development Manager at Samuels & Associates and Paul Wahlberg of Alma Nove and Wahlburgers for three (3) parking spaces to be designated as 15 minute parking along with the need for additional handicap parking on Shipyard Drive. The three spaces to be converted from two hour parking limit to 15 minute parking are adjacent to Wahlburgers (which was under construction at the time) and are in the vicinity of other restaurants whose patrons would also benefit from this change. The three spaces designated as 15 minute parking would be available for all customers of the Launch and not specific to any one tenant. The Traffic Committee made the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen who gave their approval. The 15 minute parking has been implemented and the additional handicap parking space adjacent to Hingham Beerworks is slated for construction and completion in the Spring of 2012.

A Downer Avenue resident brought forth the issue of the MBTA bus stop adjacent to his property asking that it be moved due to the fact that other stops are located nearby and that riders cut across his lawn leaving litter in their wake. The Traffic Committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the bus stop remain at its current location but that they contact the MBTA to request that bus drivers stop at the designated stop (even if it means blocking the intersection) by the crosswalk and ascertain how this works. It has been observed that the bus does not stop at the proper stop but further away to avoid blocking the intersection.

A Road Safety Audit for Cushing Street was conducted in June by the Mass. Department of Transportation at the request of the Traffic Committee. This stems from a request from a Cushing Street resident for the installation of a guard rail in the vicinity of 399 Cushing Street. According to the draft report, the most pressing recommendation was for improved lighting in the vicinity of 406 Cushing Street. The installation of two street lights was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Another suggestion was to install pavement markings and delineators (such as fog lines), trim vegetation and overgrowth as well as improve signage. The final report will be presented at a future meeting.

Sgt. Dearth conducted a review of crashes at the Derby/Whiting and Gardner Street intersection and found that it was the second highest in crashes in all of Hingham with 12 crashes, three injuries and five vehicles towed. Six of the crashes involved vehicles making a left turn from Derby Street onto Gardner Street. This was due to the fact that the delayed green signal does not have left turn arrow. Without the arrow, drivers are not expecting the oncoming traffic to advance which resulted in crashes. A solution would be to have a red/green arrow as well as a dedicated turn lane. Sgt. Dearth forwarded the study as well as the suggestions for improvement to Mass Highway for their review.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, they should make a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Michael Peraino, Hingham Police Department. Questions regarding traffic issues can be addressed to Sgt. Steven Dearth, Traffic Sergeant, Hingham Police Department, 781-804-2205.

Chief Michael J. Peraino, Chairman  
(Rep. by Sgt. Steven Dearth)  
Chief Mark Duff  
(Rep. by Lt. John Haley)  
Harry Sylvester, Dept. of Public Works

Paul Healey, Planning Board  
James Costello  
Scott Peterson, Esq.  
Dan Zivkovich

## Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

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The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. The Trust is one of several state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with Massachusetts and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate-income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it. To this end, the Trust co-sponsored the 2008 article that authorized the Town's purchase of Lincoln School Apartments. The Trust is the sole member of LSA, LLC, and appoints two members to the Board of Managers.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a range of powers, including the power to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. The Trust's mission statement is as follows:

- **The Trust seeks to preserve affordable housing through a variety of means which will benefit both current and potential new residents.**
- **The Trust will propose, support and develop affordable housing that contributes positively to the character of the town, considering both Hingham's history and its future.**
- **The Trust will engage in education and advocacy with the goal of promoting the diversity of Hingham's population.**

The Trust was advised in mid 2009 that the Amego property at 80 Beal Street was for sale. This site was a former group home and includes approximately three acres of land abutting the selectmen's parcel. A joint decision by the selectmen and the Trust was made to purchase this property to develop affordable housing. The Trust issued an RFP for design, engineering and permitting services for this property. A Hingham firm, Strekalovsky Architects was awarded the contract.



Last May the Trust submitted and obtained approval for a LIP application, a Local Initiative Program Application from the state, including a request for a local preference. With the approval of the Department of Housing and Development the Trust submitted a 40B application with the Zoning Board of Appeals to develop the site. This past October the ZBA approved the 40B application. Most recently the Trust has issued an RFP to develop the project.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Trust also appreciates input and assistance from Town citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend its meetings. Please visit the link to our website at the Town of Hingham at <http://hingham-ma.gov>.

Tim White, Chair  
Blake Auchincloss  
Kevin Connelly  
Susan Crowley  
James O'Brien

Laura Burns  
Dan Jacobson  
Rev. Gary Ludwig



*Commander Paul F. Anderson House, 111 Fort Hill Street  
Sponsored by Father Bills/Mainspring, this home for six veterans will be  
completed in 2012. The project was partially funded by Community Preservation  
funds approved at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.*

## Bare Cove Park Committee

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The Bare Cove Park Committee typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at Town Hall. Dates and times are published in the on-line Events Calendar, at Town Hall, and in *The Hingham Journal*. Hingham's website also has information about the Park, including a printable map and dog etiquette, regulation of activity, a photo gallery, Committee members, and history. The public is welcome to attend.

Winter came early and hard, and it was a long one. A mid-January blizzard brought down many tree limbs in the Park. On a cold February morning, on a day when snow wasn't falling, Ranger Scott McMillan and volunteers helped Boy Scout Colin McPhillips rebuild two of the osprey platforms in the marsh to complete his Eagle Scout project.

The *Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia Display* at the Dock House was open to visitors one Sunday each month from May through September, and Ranger Scott was also available for some special guests. In the spring, former Committee Chairman Brooks Robbins brought a group of veterans on a van tour of the Park with a stop at the Depot display. Local members of a Mass. DPH *Keep Moving Program* Walking Group enjoyed the Park and the Dock House on a bright September morning. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, personnel from the US Naval Reserve Center in Quincy provided the Color Guard to help celebrate both the Navy's and the Park's birthdays.



*Cake and candles at the Dock House*



*Walk-It Day: taking steps toward healthier living*

The Park was one of the 2 venues in Massachusetts to host the *Weight Watchers Walk-It Day Challenge* on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Over 500 people took a 3-mile walk along the Back River Path to the Rt. 3A bridge and back as part of this nationwide event.

Our fourth *End of Summer Classic Road Race* on August 25<sup>th</sup> was again a successful and fun event; net proceeds of \$7,002.00 were donated to The Friends of Bare Cove Park cash account maintained by the Town for the Committee. Over 550 runners had registered, but 110 had to forgo



*A member of the Navy Team had the fastest time*

the race to batten down hatches as Hurricane Irene roared up the East Coast. The Committee would like to thank the sponsors, organizers, and the volunteers who helped to make the race a success, including residents of the Back River Townhomes and the Friends of Hingham High Track.

Though Irene had become a Tropical Storm by the time she reached Hingham, the high winds and heavy rain brought down branches and trees all around town. The DPW used a section of Bare Cove Park as a staging area for storm debris. Residents who hadn't been here for years, some because there are so many dogs, were pleasantly surprised at how beautiful this Park is, especially as they drove by the Triangle Garden, a labor of love for Volunteer Gardener Barbara Nicosia since 2000. Later in September, The Scituate Animal Shelter held their first annual *Happy Tails Walk* fundraiser along Bare Cove Path.

The Park's vintage truck was put out to pasture and its replacement went into service in November. Along with cutting the grass and plowing the snow from the roads and trails, Ranger Scott keeps the Park safe and enjoyable by removing invasive vegetation and, sometimes with help from the DPW, potentially dangerous dead trees and branches.

In 2011, more people who do not control their dogs and do not pick-up after them were visiting Bare Cove Park. In July, the Committee began using funds from the Road Race to have ACO Leslie Badger come here more often – above and beyond her regular work hours – to help keep the Park safe and clean for everyone. We plan to post new signs, with clear standards for canine conduct and stiff fines, in January 2012.

Committee: Patti Coyle (Chair), Chuck Harvey (Vice-Chair), Brian O'Leary (Sec'y), Ted Matthews (Treas), Tom Burbank, Peter Cotter, Eric LeClair, Jim O'Hare, Joe Roper

## Trustees of the Bathing Beach

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The relationship between the Hingham Farmers' Market and the Hingham Bathing Beach continues. The Farmers' Market has a contract to use the Bathing Beach parking lot. The fee that they pay helps to defray the expenses of the Bathing Beach.

At the Special Town Meeting in October approval was given to issue a request for proposals for someone to renovate the bathhouse and operate a snack shop there. The snack shop operator would be responsible for maintaining the restrooms and showers. Special legislation is needed prior to offering a lease for the bathhouse. At this time, the legislation is pending.

The Trustees of the Bathing Beach have been meeting with various groups to best address the erosion problem at the beach. We hope to come up with a solution which will be environmentally correct and one which will preserve the beach and parking lot.

Thomas M. Foley  
Edward J. Johnson  
Joan P. Williams



*Photo by Barbara Ross  
Waiting for the parade to start.....Here it comes !*

## Beautification Commission

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The Hingham Beautification Commission in its 7<sup>th</sup> year remains strong in its commitment to enhance the beauty of Hingham by way of planting and maintaining public garden spaces and sidewalk containers. The maintenance is a cooperative effort with the Department of Public Works in whom we continue to express much appreciation and gratitude.

Following the severe drought of 2010, rather than develop new sites this year, we took stock in our existing gardens, nurturing plants, replacing damaged plant material and evaluating ideas and the feasibility of developing new sites. The latter may be dependent on more volunteerism in the community which we encourage and welcome.

Currently, the HBC maintains ten sites around town, most with multiple planting beds, as well as the containers downtown on South Street and at 3A and Lincoln Street. Five additional sites are maintained by organizations and individuals and we remain indebted to them for their interest and support.

The HBC is heartened by the many accolades it receives and the appreciation expressed by the community as a whole. It has also come to our attention that some local artists are finding our artistry worthy of painting, mirroring the creative instincts of both gardener and artist in their respective media.

Alyce Nobis, Chairman  
Patricia Bray  
Rose Durkin  
Jerry Elsdon

Dottie Manganaro  
Kathy McCann  
Laura Spaziani  
Margaret Taylor



*Margaret Taylor, volunteer at the Senior Center.  
Margaret is very generous with her gardening skills as shown  
by the garden area outside the Senior Center and  
the North Entrance of the Town Hall. Take a look!*

## Cable TV Advisory Committee

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In January 2011, the Board of Selectmen approved the articles of incorporation and bylaws proposed by the Committee for a non-profit Public Access corporation, Hingham Community Access & Media Corporation ("H-CAM") to take over programming and operation of Public Access cable television, channel 97 on Comcast and channel 31 on Verizon. The Selectmen also appointed directors of the corporation and provided funding for initial start-up costs. In May, the Board of Selectmen entered into a five-year agreement with H-CAM, prepared by the Committee, covering funding for H-CAM and spelling out H-CAM's obligations to the Town. Funding for H-CAM is provided by capital payments and operational support payments made to the Town by Comcast and Verizon as part of their franchise agreements with the Town. The franchise agreements require capital payments of \$200,000 from Comcast and \$400,000 from Verizon over the duration of the franchises. In addition, Comcast began paying the Town 4.5 percent of its Hingham cable subscriber revenues in August 2009 for operational support, and Verizon began paying the same percentage in January 2010. In August 2011, the percentage was reduced to 4.2 per cent under the terms of the franchise agreements. The money provided to the Town by Comcast and Verizon can only be used to support Public, Educational, and Government ("PEG") Access cable television, and is not available for the General Fund.

Beginning in March, the Committee began investigating the feasibility of installing robotic cameras in the second floor meeting room in Town Hall, in order to facilitate the broadcast of committee meetings held in that room. This room can be used either as one large room or as two smaller rooms. After some experience broadcasting meetings in this room using portable studio equipment, the Committee determined that the best results for the filming and broadcast of meetings in this room could be achieved if robotic cameras were installed in the room. However, because large meetings that use the entire room and smaller meetings that use only half of the room both need to be able to be broadcast, the room presented a challenge with respect to the placement of robotic cameras. The Committee retained Access AV, the company which installed the robotic cameras in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, to prepare a design for robotic camera installation in the second floor meeting room. Bids were solicited, and in November, the new robotic equipment was installed. This equipment supports both live broadcast of meetings and recording of the meetings for future broadcast. The robotic equipment is more cost-efficient because only one person is required to broadcast and record meetings using that equipment, rather

than the four persons who are needed when portable studio equipment is used. Committee meetings, as well as the Selectmen's meetings, are broadcast on the Government channel, Comcast Channel 10 and Verizon Channel 30.

During the summer, a Newtek Tricaster and a green screen were installed in the Hingham High School studio, for use by the Educational cable channel, Channel 22 on Comcast and Channel 29 on Verizon. This equipment provides virtual sets for the productions in the Educational channel studio. The virtual sets obviated the need for new furniture in the studio. They permit broadcasts using a large number of professional sets, which can be changed at the touch of a button. A set of wireless microphones to replace old wired microphones were also purchased for the Educational channel, as well as an "On Air" sign. Cable operational support funds were also used to fund one television production class at Hingham High School and to operate the Educational Channel over the summer.

Sandra Peavey, Chair  
Eric Connerly  
Joshua Gates  
James Dellot  
Robert Kirk  
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, School Representative  
Kate Richardsson, Government Channel Representative

## Community Preservation Committee

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Nine members comprise the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) – one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen, and four citizens at large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies and citizens at large for funding projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low and moderate income housing, acquisition of open space, and recreation. The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. In FY 2011, the CPC engaged the services of Town Engineer, Roger Fernandes, to provide technical oversight on construction projects and assistance in analyzing grant requests. Carol Costello, Administrative Assistant to the Town Engineer, provides administrative support to the CPC on a part-time basis.

The Town's Community Preservation Fund is composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes effective beginning July 1, 2001, State matching grants payable each October 15<sup>th</sup> based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30<sup>th</sup>, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount that will have

been collected by the Fund through June 30, 2012 is approximately \$10,914,580 including a total of \$4,215,297 in State matching funds. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Preservation categories, i.e., Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space/Recreation. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of the categories as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit. At the end of FY 2012, the amount available in Hingham's Community Preservation Fund to support upcoming projects is approximately \$2,299,000 including a projected amount of \$200,000 to be added in October 2012 when the State match is delivered.

*Veterans' House – Ft. Hill Street*



In 2011, the Committee received a total of eight applications in two categories - Historic Preservation and Open Space/Recreation. No applications were submitted in the category of Community Housing. Of the eight applications received, CPC recommended four for Town Meeting approval. Three Historic Preservation projects were approved



by Town Meeting: (1) conservation of 41 documents and artifacts from the Civil War and World Wars I and II, part of a large collection of historical memorabilia maintained by the Trustees of the G.A.R. Hall (\$23,750); (2) a feasibility study requested by the Recreation Commission for preservation, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Cordage Factory Head House (\$25,000); and (3) structural reinforcement and brick repair to stabilize the Memorial Bell Tower, Phase I of a three



*Bare Cove Fire Museum*

phase project (\$175,000). The fourth application requesting a \$50,000 block grant was submitted by the Conservation Commission in the Open Space/Recreation category; Town Meeting approved a transfer of \$50,000 into the Conservation Fund.

The Committee wishes to thank John Kelleher for his contributions to Community Preservation during five years of service, including two years as Vice-Chair; and Selectman Appointment Chris Burns for his service during FY 2011. Finally, the Committee expresses appreciation to John Riley for the support and guidance he provided during four years on the Committee as Selectmen Representative. The CPC welcomes Selectmen Representative Bruce Rabuffo and Selectmen Appointee Kathleen Peters.

#### Community Preservation Committee Members

Dan Coughlin, Chair (Conservation Commission Rep.)  
 William Reardon, Vice Chair (Moderator Appt.)  
 L. Bruce Rabuffo (Selectmen Rep.)  
 Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)  
 Bob Curley (Historical Commission Rep.)  
 James R. Watson (Housing Auth. Appt.)  
 Kathleen Peters (Selectmen Appt.)  
 Sally Weston (Moderator Appt.)  
 Vacancy (Selectmen Appt.)

Andrea Young, Administrator



*Restored Photographs of General Wilmon Blackmar (1841-1905), Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic 1904-1905; and Atomic Bomb Test Site at Bikini Atoll, 1946*

## Country Club Management Committee

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The Country Club Management Committee is pleased to report favorably on our calendar year 2011.

Jay McGrail, Director of Operations, Joe Keefe, PGA Golf Professional, Chris Riley, Assistant Golf Professional and Jake Silva, Golf Course Superintendent, continue to improve the golf course, the facilities and the recreational opportunities available at South Shore Country Club ("South Shore") for the families of Hingham to use and enjoy.

Again this year, we enjoyed an increase in the number of golf rounds played on our course. We believe this reflects the improving condition of the golf course, as well as the enhanced value of our golf programs. Further positive recognition came this year with requests that South Shore host several important regional amateur golf events. This past summer we hosted the highly successful Mass Golf Association 2011 MGA Public Links Championship. (Scott Congdon from Foxboro won the event with a final score of -6 for two days.) In 2012 we look forward to hosting the second round of the Southeastern Amateur as well as several other tournaments open to South Shore members and Hingham residents.

We are particularly proud of improvements achieved this year in our professionally run junior and adult golf programs, our upgraded driving range and practice areas, our expanded beginner and advanced swimming lessons, continuing tennis lessons and our enhanced dining and banquet facilities.

South Shore's golf course is now open for year-round golf, weather permitting. We also have three "state of the art" indoor golf simulators and operate a new golf and sports bar and restaurant ("The Tour"). This allows seasoned golfers and beginners to play golf on over 30 different and challenging golf courses, such as Pebble Beach, Spyglass and St. Andrews, or work on their game in our simulator practice range. The golf simulators enable us to offer private golf lessons year-round. The Tour offers pub food and big screen TV's to watch sporting events while using the golf simulators. The Tour is also available for leagues and parties.

This past July we launched a new venture when we acquired the 10 lane candlepin bowling operation here at South Shore, "The Alley at SSCC". We then completed a renovation of the bowling facilities that included new carpeting, wall coverings, TV's and a sound system, as well as a new and expanded party room. This new venture further helps us

provide quality year round fun for Hingham residents and visitors. As an example, we now have bowling and birthday party programs that customize each party based on themes chosen by the bowlers and birthday celebrants. We also continue to grow our league business, with several new leagues commencing last fall.

Raffael's, the operator of the Greenside Grill, The Tour and event and banquet facilities at South Shore, had a banner year, including the first musical events in our brand new Outdoor Pavilion (the summer concert series). The Greenside Grille, open to the public for Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Brunch has customers coming in both day and night to enjoy the refurbished outdoor patio, main dining room and the piano bar. The Greenside Grill also serves as the 19th hole for golfers (and others), serving beverages and food before and after a round of golf.

Our outdoor pool had its best year on record. We are proud of our relationship with the South Shore YMCA, which allows us to provide more efficient scheduling of swim lessons, swim team activities and open swim times. Improvements, such as a complete repainting and clean up of the locker rooms, the addition of a protective, permanent sunshade area and snack shop also led to continued growth of our pool membership base and increased swim team participation.

Finally, we increased and enhanced our community activities and events, including: our annual Kite Day Festivities in the spring; and our new annual Halloween Hayride Extravaganza and Party in the fall. (We welcome suggestions from town residents of other activities that might increase utilization of the South Shore facilities.)

These are but a few of the exciting developments occurring here at South Shore in 2011. We anticipate an even more exciting 2012 at your South Shore Country Club. Come join the fun.

The Country Club Management Committee

Paul J. Casey  
Terence Clarke  
Kathleen Curley  
William Friend  
Kerry Ryan

## Hingham Cultural Council

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The Hingham Cultural Council awarded \$4,125 in 2011 to support the arts and artists in our community. Eleven grants, ranging from \$100 to \$1000, were awarded. Recipients include:

- Hingham Downtown Association
- The South Shore Conservatory,
- North River Arts Society
- Old Ship Church Concert Committee
- Second Parish Junior Art Show
- Satuit Concert Band
- Broad Cove Chorale/Unicorn Singers
- Hingham Historical Society
- South Shore Art Center,
- John Root, Naturalist
- Second Parish Concert

This year The Hingham Cultural Council had a booth at the Downtown Arts Walk. Council members were on hand to explain what the council does and what type of organizations have received grants. The Council made "Be smART" buttons to give to donors and interested visitors. This venture increased the public's knowledge of our purpose and also added to our revenue. These donations and the state allotment funded this year's grants. The Hingham Cultural Council's guide lines are as follows:

- All grant applications must benefit the community, and promote the arts, humanities or interpretive sciences.
- All grant applicants must have a local sponsor.
- Priorities include arts and cultural events held within Hingham or the immediate area to benefit Hingham residents.

We welcome any suggestions that would improve these guidelines.

Jane Shute, Chairperson  
Sandy Asher  
Trish Baggott  
Marlie McManus  
Gary Nisbet  
Jill Powell  
Kim Preveza

## Development and Industrial Commission

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In 2011, the Hingham Development and Industrial Commission (HDIC) was actively involved in issues relating to the waterfront, the downtown area, the Intermodal Transportation System and the South Hingham Overlay District.

This past year, we saw the installation of new lightpoles along the "harbor stretch" of North Street and are currently mitigating pole removal and final underground wiring connections on North and Mill Streets.

In 2011, part of the HDIC's focus was based on working with the MBTA to make Hingham's transportation system truly intermodal. In conjunction with the federal government-backed Intermodal Transportation Center planned for construction at the Shipyard, it was important that the train, bus and boat transportation actually interact with each other. A subcommittee of the Commission (named the Hingham Intermodal Transit Committee) began work with the MBTA on this interaction. The group assembled a plan that would create easier access between the commuter boat and the Rte. 220 bus. Additionally, a plan was discussed that would alter the 220 bus route slightly to allow the bus to intermittently pick up and drop off at the West Hingham Train Station. These plans have not yet been vetted through the public process. This process will begin once the MBTA makes certain determinations, regarding the future of its levels of service and fares for the entire T system, in the upcoming months.

The HDIC continued its long standing support for The Hingham Farmers Market during the past year. The HDIC is pleased that this important entity continued to thrive and grow in 2011.

As a note, the HDIC was actively involved in harbor development discussions in 2011, as a member of the Harbor Task Force. The Harbor Task, consisting of representatives from the HDIC, Planning Board, Harbor Development Committee, Bathing Beach Trustees, Selectman's Office and the Harbormaster worked on resolving overlapping issues in the area of the Harbor, with our goal of strengthening the pedestrian connection between Downtown and the Harbor.

During 2011, the HDIC also undertook a major initiative in the area of South Hingham. After researching the specifications of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws, the HDIC determined its belief that

creating a "Chapter 43D" District in the Hingham Industrial Park would be both a prudent and beneficial step to take.

Chapter 43D is intended to be used as an economic development tool by towns to spur further development of a specific area and to send a signal that the Town's permitting departments are fully engaged and efficient. The HDIC will be recommending to those assembled at the 2012 Town Meeting that the Town designates just the parcels in the Hingham Industrial Park as a 43D District. This area has long been considered prime for development growth and is an area that the HDIC believes would benefit from this designation.

Finally, the HDIC continued to receive input from property owners to look for ways to improve the economical viability of the South Hingham Overlay District. The potential creation of a separate sewer district in that area continues to be discussed, considered and planned. The Planning Board is managing this process with assistance from the HDIC.

The HDIC would like to thank all of the individuals and groups noted above and others for their help on these projects.

Susan Sullivan, Chairman  
Mark Cullings  
Paul Gannon  
Stephen Kelsch  
Thomas Maloney  
Eileen Richards  
Nanette Walsh  
Benedict Wilcox

## Department of Elder Services

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"The Hingham Department of Elder Services is the town focal point for the delivery of services to Hingham's population 60 and older. Its mission is to support the independence of Hingham's senior citizens, advocate for their needs and enhance the quality of their lives. In an atmosphere of respect for the older adult, the Department of Elder Services coordinates programs and services to encourage self-reliance, good health and community involvement."

The long-awaited 2010 US Federal Census became available in the spring of 2011. The statistics for Hingham residents 60 and older identified a 55% growth in this age group from 2000 (3700 residents) to 2010 (5735) residents. As of 2010, 25.9% of Hingham's population is comprised of individuals who are 60 and older compared to the National trend of 15.1%.

During 2011, the Department of Elder Services completed the Self-Assessment process as the first step in continuing its goal to maintain National Senior Center Accreditation through the National Institute of Senior Centers. The Senior Center was first awarded National Accreditation in 2007, and to maintain Accreditation the process must be completed every five years. Through a Committee comprised of Council on Aging members, Senior Center staff, other elder service providers, and constituents, nine areas of operation were reviewed. This provided the Council on Aging and staff with updated information on the strengths and weaknesses of the Department of Elder Services operations. The physical space needs for the Senior Center and the inadequacy of the current facility to meet the needs of the growing elder population in Hingham were identified as an area of major concern. To address these concerns, a Facilities Committee was appointed to begin studying the future space needs of the Senior Center. Also, as a result of the Self-Assessment and the newly released 2010 Federal Census, the Long Range Planning Committee identified the goal of completing a needs assessment of Hingham's population 45 and older as a crucial step in assisting the Department to uncover the unmet needs and future needs of Hingham's older population. The completion of this needs assessment will be one of the major initiatives undertaken in 2012.

During 2011, transportation continued to be one of the most critical services provided by the Department. Transportation helps older adults to remain independent in the community and provides a way for individuals to grocery shop, attend the Senior Center, accomplish

necessary errands, get to and from medical appointments, and take local trips that enhance a person's quality of life. During 2011, the Department provided 5158 one way trips to 229 different individuals.

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members who need assistance sorting through the myriad of programs and services and in accessing the most appropriate services to enable an older adult to continue to live at home. The Outreach Coordinator also works very closely with the Police, Fire and Health Departments on cases of mutual concern, and oftentimes remains as the link for these cases. The Outreach Program also continues to assist individuals with minor home repairs; the completion of benefit application forms, including the applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program for all Hingham residents regardless of age; and understanding the wide range of options available for the Medicare D program.



*Jeannette Mulrooney, Ethel Franks and Mary Isley.  
Regulars at the Scrabble tables on Tuesdays,  
1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.  
All are welcome.*

One of the newer initiatives undertaken by Elder Services during the summer of 2011 was the design and development of Discovery – a Lifelong Learning Program. Under the direction of Vicki Centurelli, Student Intern, a steering committee, mission statement and a curriculum were developed. Following the completion of Ms. Centurelli's internship, the Committee diligently continued with its work and goals of the program. The Wisdom Works Program, a job search training program for older adults, continued with great success throughout 2011. This program is part of a statewide initiative spearheaded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and under the leadership of local volunteers provides hands-on-training experience on how to find employment in today's job market.



The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who provide a wide range of services and programs to the Senior Center. During 2011, these volunteers numbered 170 and worked 10,369 hours. We would also like to thank all the organizations who provided programs at the Senior Center, and all the other Town Departments who work with us to ensure that seniors are safe and comfortable in their own homes.

At this time we would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family of Peter Hanson. Peter was a dedicated Board member and volunteer van driver who we greatly miss. Also, thank you to Thomas Hickey, Susan Kiernan and Joanne Pollick for their many years of service on the Board.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director

Council on Aging Members  
Chrisanne Gregoire, Chairman  
Ann Manning, Vice Chairman  
Norma Jackson, Treasurer  
Patricia LaLiberte, Secretary  
Gretchen Condon  
June Freedman  
Leah Godfrey  
Joan Iovino  
Arthur LeMay  
Dick Ponte  
Beth Rouleau

## Town Energy Action Committee

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**Mission:** To serve the residents of the Town of Hingham by establishing energy policies that will promote the efficient use of energy, increase awareness and that will reduce adverse environmental impact.

**Work Product:** The Energy Action Committee, successor to the Energy Policy Committee, identifies, promotes, and implements energy savings opportunities for municipal and community-wide operations and residences, and raises energy awareness on issues of concern to Town residents.

**Work Agenda:** Monthly meetings and periodic reporting to the Board of Selectmen to solicit feedback on suggested policies and structure.

In 2011, the Committee:

- worked with the Hingham Municipal Light Plant to conduct energy audits of the Hingham Public Library, Town Hall and High School. After the audits were conducted, the Committee worked with Hingham Public Library administration and Town management to determine what measures identified in the audits were cost effective and readily able to be implemented, and further assisted in the implementation. According to these criteria, an expected savings across the buildings of almost \$100,000 can be realized with an expenditure of about the same, for a simple payback of one year.

- worked with the School Building Committee to research and assess the possible use of photovoltaics in the design of the new Hingham Middle School, and also reviewed other energy efficiency possibilities for the Hingham Middle School within the confines of the Town's participation in the Model School program (MSBA).

- piloted "Kill A Watt" devices in the Hingham Public Library, which allows Town residents to check-out the devices and measure energy consumption in the home.

- authored multiple articles in the Hingham Journal, alerting Town residents to various energy programs and raising awareness of energy issues of concern.

- hosted presentations on the financial aspects of photovoltaics and solar energy within the municipal and residential context.

-applied for a grant for technical assistance for Energy Action Planning through the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

Goals for 2012 include:

- Finalize the Committee's assistance with the School Building Committee regarding the new Hingham Middle School.
- Secure the Town's participation in "Earth Hour"
- To prioritize with the Town Administrator and School Business Director opportunities for energy efficiency measures.
- To continue to educate the residents and businesses of Hingham about energy issues, as well as rebates, audits and opportunities available from the federal and state governments, as well as our municipal electric utility, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, and natural gas utility, National Grid.
- To set an emissions reduction target based on realistic and feasible actions, including education and outreach initiatives (see above).

Any individuals interested in serving on the committee or offering expertise on energy related matters are welcome to contact us through [energy@hingham-ma.com](mailto:energy@hingham-ma.com)

Energy Action Committee:

Otto Harling

Pam Harty, Chair

Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

Virginia LeClair

Brad Moyer

John Bewick

School Business Director ex-officio

Finance Director ex-officio

## Fourth of July Parade Committee

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The 2011 Fourth of July Parade was another great celebration for the South Shore!

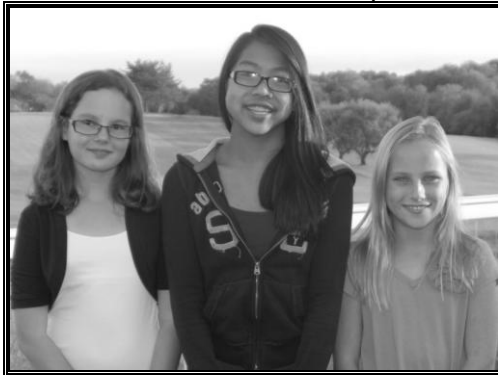


*Town Moderator (Tom O'Donnell), Board of Selectmen (Bruce Rabuffo, Laura Burns, and John Riley), and Uncle Sam (George Ford) watch the parade go by the viewing stand near Hingham Square.*

With more than 25,000 spectators lining the parade route, the annual celebration kicked off at the traditional 10AM start, with Mary Ann Blackmur organizing the start in her usual "take charge" manner. Mary Ann has promoted the overall 4<sup>th</sup> of July events in Hingham (the road race, pancake breakfast, parade, fireworks, and band concert at the gazebo) to all media outlets as one, total, Town celebration. Thank you, Mary Ann!

This year is Mary Ann's last as Chairman or co-Chair after a long run. The parade has flourished under her leadership and the Parade Committee and the Town thank her for her tireless support and her drive that provided the stewardship for this great slice of Americana that just isn't seen very often anymore.

The theme for this year was "Let Freedom Ring" and a striking design was selected for the button this year.



*This year's button design winner, Carly Pattison, center, is flanked by the runners up, Sydney Boer and Sydney Conway.*



The travel gurus from Lonely Planet commented that nothing may be more "American this year than the celebration in sweet wee Hingham."

There were many bands, paid performers, antique or fancy autos, including a tribute to The Stanley Cup winning Bruins; and local floats from groups and neighborhoods. Some of these were: Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corp, 5th Mass Battery, Shriner Clowns, Satuit Band, Roma Band, Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band, Colonial Pipers, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Drum & Bugle Corp, 18<sup>th</sup> Mass Voluntary Infantry, Trevor "The Games Man," Saint Alfio's Band, First Foot Guards, Boston Windjammers, Pleasant Meadow Farm, The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corp, The Hingham Militia, Hingham Vintage Base Ball, Troop 52 Cub Scouts, and Hingham High School Crew, among many others



*The float from the South Shore Country Club was once again an award winner.*



*Grand Marshal, former Hingham Police Chief Taylor Mills with some Committee members at South Shore Country Club.*

The Parade Committee has a Facebook page called *The Friends of the Hingham Fourth of July Parade*. Fans of the parade are welcome to add their own memories and photos there! The video from last year's parade will be shown on Hingham Community Access Media channel as the holiday approaches.

The Committee thanks all of our sponsors, partners, supporters, and donators – without your generosity, we would not be able to pay for the bands and entertainers that are a key part of the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!



*Once again, A.W. Perry was the lead sponsor!*

Including supplies, advertising, vendor costs and the paid performers the total cost of for the parade was approximately \$30,000.



*Georgette Sullivan (center) and John Sullivan (right) initiated the Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band 20 years ago after they moved to Hingham.*

A special thank you to the Rotary, who each year provides the man (and woman) power to sell the parade buttons the day of the parade. Button sales each year result in another \$3,500 - \$4,000 for the parade.

The major parade sponsors included: Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare Foundation, The Flatley Company, Hingham Institution for Savings, Eastern Bank, Fruit Center Marketplace, Hingham Cleaners, Hingham Police Association, Tedeschi Food Shops, Queen Anne Nursing Home, Hingham Jewelers, Hingham Toy Storage, Mohawk Rubber, The Ink Spot, Atlantic Development, Shaw Saab, Talbot's Charitable Foundation, South Shore Magazine, Phil & Deb Edmunson, and David Ellison. Community Partners, who we rely on for so many things are: The Rotary Club of Hingham and Hull, South Shore Country Club, The Lions Club, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant and Community Newspapers.

Committee Members: Mary Ann Blackmur, co-Chair, Jim Murphy, co-Chair, George Ford (Uncle Sam), Ginny Gray, Glenn Olsson, Dan Lahiff, Mary Ellen Lahiff, Stan Blackmur, Margaret Costello, Jim & Sue Drew, Virginia Spanagel, Cyndy Tonucci, Carrie Murphy, Louis O'Dea, Cassie McDermott, Jill Powell, Susan Hagstrom, Ruth Potter

## 2010 Government Study Committee Interim Report

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At the 2010 Annual Town Meeting (ATM) voters directed the Moderator to appoint The Committee to Review the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Town Government (also known as the 2010 Government Study Committee) with the following charge: *(the) Committee shall examine all aspects of local government organization and structure, including, without limitation, regional relationships and the operation of all Town departments, boards, committees and commissions, elected and appointed, and recommend changes in such organization and structure, consonant with the traditional values of the Town, and designed to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of government services; which recommendations shall be made in a form suitable for consideration at the next Annual Town Meeting or subsequent town meetings.* As has been the practice of previous similarly named and charged committees, this committee submits this interim report.

Since its appointment by the Town Moderator, the Government Study Committee (GSC or simply, the committee), has met a number of times, devoting many of its initial efforts to data gathering. Data sources include

- An e-mailed written survey of Hingham boards, committees, and departments;
- a town wide citizen survey;
- interviews with numerous town officials including the present and one former Town Administrator, the Town Moderator, the Treasurer/Collector, members of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee,
- interviews with selectmen and town administrators in benchmark towns, and representatives of Massachusetts organizations involved in developing best practices for local governments.

The committee also reviewed and discussed previous GSC reports and received comments from citizens at its meetings.

The e-mailed survey of town board, committee, and department chairs sought information about what functions well and suggestions for improvement. Most bodies receiving this request responded promptly and thoughtfully.

The town-wide citizen survey was designed to reach as many citizens as possible. Although not "statistically valid," the number and quality of responses were informative. The survey instrument asked citizens for their thoughts on the conduct of town meeting, their satisfaction and dissatisfaction with town government, and suggestions for improvement. The format enabled citizens to express their thoughts, ideas, and comments fully.

The survey was frequently publicized in the Hingham Journal, promoted on the Town web site, and widely distributed. Distribution strategies included posting on-line as an interactive instrument and a downloadable document (pdf), inclusion in a monthly mailing of Hingham Light Department bills, availability at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting accompanied by an announcement by the Town Moderator from the podium, and availability at the Town Clerk's office. A total of 484 responses were received with approximately 22% via the internet. In addition, a number of people requested that a member of the GSC contact them for further discussion of survey content.

The committee members used this plethora of data to identify areas of focus, integrating their own extensive experience with town government with the information gathered. Through these efforts, the committee built an agenda, on which it began to act as described below.

The committee has voted on five major policy recommendations. Three of those votes were in support of articles at the 2011 ATM. The first supported Article 28, which improved the process for submission of warrant articles. The second was in support of Article 29, which reduced speaking times at town meeting. The third was in support of Article 32, which integrated operation of the Sewer Department into the Department of Public Works.

The fourth vote was to submit to the 2012 ATM a warrant article supporting the reduction of the town meeting quorum from 300 to 200 persons. This would allow prompter commencement of meetings.

The fifth vote supported the submission to the 2012 ATM of a warrant article which would make the position of Treasurer/Collector appointed rather than elected. Since this recommendation has been made by two previous Government Study Committees but subsequently rejected by the voters at an ATM about 10 years ago, this subject deserves some further explanation. The rationale has not changed from 10 years ago when previously recommended. Consequently, it seems appropriate to quote the Interim Report of the previous committee.



In most towns similar to Hingham in size and budget, the Treasurer-Collector is a professional financial manager appointed by the Selectmen or Town Manager. In Hingham, the Treasurer-Collector is an elected official and, as such, is not required to have any particular education, training, or experience as a condition of holding the job. Nor is he or she obliged to interact cooperatively with the Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or the Town Accountant in coordinating and integrating the Town's financial operations and affairs. [...].

For three basic reasons, we believe an essential first step toward the achievement of that goal is to change the Treasurer-Collector's position from an elected to an appointed office.

First, the voters elect the Selectmen and hold them accountable for the choices they make as public policy-makers, including the appointment and oversight of the senior Town employees who manage our public services; but the men and women who hold those management positions should be chosen and retained based on their professional qualifications, not on their willingness or ability to run for public office. The very individuals who are most highly qualified to manage municipal services are often reluctant to become politicians and subject themselves to the political process. There is no good reason to require them to do so, and there are better ways to select and scrutinize them. We do not elect the Police Chief, the Town Counsel, or the Town Administrator merely because they hold important positions are not necessarily the best politicians. The voters entrust the Selectmen to make and rescind those appointments and hold them accountable for the results. The same rationale applies to the Treasurer-Collector's position.

Second, because they are independently elected and have separate responsibilities for different aspects of the Town's fiscal affairs, the Selectmen have no authority over the Treasurer-Collector's policies or operations, and the Treasurer-Collector has no authority over the Selectmen's. We are fortunate that the current incumbents have chosen, by and large, to work with one another cooperatively. But there is no integrated financial management system with a single line of direction, authority, and accountability. A Treasurer-Collector appointed by the Selectmen and accountable to them will repair that systemic flaw.

Third, unlike the Town's employees, its elected officials are required to live in Hingham. This has its advantages, to be sure, but it also limits sharply the pool of individuals who are willing, able and

qualified to serve. The Treasurer-Collector can now be drawn only from the universe of persons who live in town, want the job, will accept what it pays, have the credentials to do it well, and are willing and able to run for public office. This is a small circle indeed. But if the position becomes an appointed, professional management job, the Selectmen can choose from a much larger pool of interested, qualified applicants.

Since the issuance of these comments in the 2000 Interim Report, the town's budget has grown faster than inflation and the town's finances have become more complex. The town operates in a more dynamic and litigious economy. The current economic downturn has further complicated matters by adding nuances such as dealing with more residential foreclosures than in the recent past. Given these facts, the current GSC recommends that the town again consider making the Treasurer/Collector an appointed (by the Selectmen) rather than elected position.

Many other issues remain to be discussed by the GSC. The committee has considered suggestions that certain town boards be appointed rather than elected. While some of the issues are the same as discussed above for the Treasurer/Collector, other considerations are different. Other towns face similar issues. Some have considered a middle road on the matter. Rather than eliminating or making certain elected boards appointed, these towns have reduced these boards' scope of responsibilities in order to achieve greater consistency, transparency, and risk management. For example, many towns have removed from some elected boards managerial responsibilities pertaining to personnel, accounting, banking and the like. In this way, the elected boards are more focused on policy matters and the town can use its professional managers to promote efficiency and consistency while reducing the threat of litigation.

Other issues that have been introduced and will continue to be discussed by the GSC include the following:

- The size of the Board of Selectmen
- Additional town meeting procedures
- Term limits for elected and/or appointed officials
- Town Administrator versus Town Manager
- Town field coordination, maintenance and use
- Voting technology for town meetings and elections
- Improved use of technology including improvements to the town website

- Town wide facilities management
- Other operating efficiencies, including with the School Department, regarding personnel, purchasing and capital planning
- Relevance of all existing town committees
- Best practices for Town Committee procedures, e.g., the development of a handbook, enforcing Open Meeting requirements, such as timely posting of meeting minutes
- Other needs may be added as they emerge during committee deliberations and the committee deems appropriate

In closing, the committee wishes to thank the many parties who have already contributed to our research and discussions. The town government is blessed with many thoughtful and generous contributors of time, talent and treasure. The committee continues to welcome public input at its meetings.

Judith M. Cole, Chair  
 Philip J. Edmundson  
 Edna S. English  
 Scott C. Ford  
 Irma H. Lauter  
 Alexander Macmillan  
 Eva Marx



*Jackass Park on Main Street  
 Re-landscaped by the Shade Tree Committee as their first project,  
 the funds for the professional design, plants and trees and a water system were  
 provided by the Garden Club of Hingham. River birch trees were selected for  
 their distinctive bark and size.*

## Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall

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The past year for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall was momentous, but next year will be even more so (more about that later).

A **major** dramatic change was the approval at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting of CPC funding for the restoration and preservation of more than forty (40) Civil War era and recent Wars' memorabilia depicting documents, pictures and scenes of those times. This action was successfully completed and will ensure their Historical enjoyment for many future generations. Our congratulations to John Arapoff, a renowned Artist and Conservator for his skill and technique in saving these remarkable antiques.

The G.A.R. Memorial Hall was again the venue for the 2nd annual visit for our Town's Hingham High School Sophomores and over 250 were enraptured with the comments and experiences of Veterans from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq & Afghanistan. From the students' comments, we will enthusiastically continue and expand this remembering and significant Veterans services to our nation.

The many improvements and expansion of military items in the Hall has encouraged our Citizens to donate personal and family memorabilia. To that end, we have received a number of important military objects, some of which are over a century old: Sincere thanks to each of you.

The year 2013 will be the 125th Anniversary Date of the completion and dedication of the Hall; conceived, planned and built by the Civil War Veterans of Hingham and their families. The Town and Veterans dedicated the building on May 23, 1888. The Trustees are planning a year-long celebration of open house activities, tours, lectures and other fun filled and historic activities. Come and join us all.

Finally, The Hall continues to be the meeting place for Veterans in the America Legion Post #120, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6053, Bare Cove Sail and Power Boat Squadron, The Hingham Militia, our town's Scouts and the essay contest for The Voice of Democracy.

### Trustees

Scott McMillan

Keith Jermyn

Robert F. Beal, Jr.

Ernest C. Sofis, Historian

## Harbor Development Committee

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Waterfront access and promoting Hingham Harbor related issues continued to be the focus of the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) in 2011.

The HDC focused on the following topics/issues during the past year:

- Met with the Harbormasters of Scituate and Hull to discuss their experiences with establishing an Enterprise Fund in their communities in order to analyze the potential benefits for doing so in Hingham.
- Met with Access Board Director Jack Shephard concerning the process for obtaining State funds for the reconstruction and improvement of the Town boat ramp. It was determined that a beach management plan would be a prerequisite of obtaining these funds and Harbormaster Ken Corson has begun to work with the HDC in developing one.
- Met with Community Preservation Committee member Bill Reardon to discuss what type of projects along the Harbor would be eligible for funding in accordance with CPA guidelines. Our committee subsequently submitted an application to the CPC in October for the funds to design, permit and construct a pedestrian bridge between the rear of 3 Otis Street and Whitney Wharf modeled after the one recently constructed for the Trustees in World's End to improve pedestrian accessibility and increase use of Whitney Wharf. The application is under review with CPC and if it is recommended for funding, would go to the Annual Town Meeting in 2012 for funding approval.
- Worked in cooperation with the Harbor Planning Task Force and the Trustees of the Bathing Beach to promote a concept that was conceived in the HDC's 2007 Harbor Master Plan and became a permitted use under the 2010 Town Meeting Harbor rezoning, an accessory snack shop at the Hingham Beach Bathhouse. The 2011 Special Town Meeting authorized the Trustees to obtain MA legislative approval to pursue this concept under a public/private RFP process. Hingham resident and architect Al Kearney generously volunteered his services to further conceptualize this concept and the HDC solicited the Boston Architectural Center for an intern, Michael LaFonant, who helped develop a modified floor plan for the building and several conceptual elevations.

- Worked with the Selectmen, Harbor Planning Task Force, Town Planner Katy Lacy, Harbormaster Ken Corson and Coastline Engineering (CLE) in developing a “blue plan” for the inner harbor area which looked at all repairs, maintenance and improvements envisioned over the next 10 years including, the boat ramp, the bath house/snack shop, beach stabilization, raising the elevation of select wharves, the harbor boardwalk and Whitney Wharf pedestrian bridge, the Town Pier (including a marina concept), renovations to the North Street/3A intersection to improve pedestrian access from Downtown to the waterfront and physical improvements to Barnes and Steamboat Wharfs. This plan was developed to provide a blueprint for funding consideration from the Seaport Bond Council which oversees funding for waterfront improvements in coastal communities.

#### Committee Members:

Alan Perrault, Chairman  
 Chris Daly, Secretary  
 Robert Mosher  
 David Fenton  
 John Thomas  
 Eric Kachel  
 Paul Losordo  
 Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio

### Board of Health

The Board consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of four full time employees (Bruce T. Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer, Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse, Carol Ford, Administrative Secretary, and Susan Rowe Health Agent) and two part time employees (Ann Marie Papasodero, Health Clerk and William Peterson, Food Inspector).

The Board of Health’s jurisdiction and responsibilities include such activities as adult immunization and blood pressure programs, domestic abuse, crisis intervention, Food Establishment licensing and inspections,

surface water quality enforcement, tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local and regional emergency planning and response, Right-to-Know enforcement, septic system approval and inspection, Body Art licensing, recombinant DNA licensing, communicable disease surveillance and response, recreational camps for children licensing, regulating the keeping of animals and fowl, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

The Health Department Staff spent time this year working on sheltering plans as part of our overall emergency response to disasters. In addition, the Hingham Board of Health sponsored a Table Top Exercise for the Town’s Local Emergency Planning Committee. This year the scenario was an ice storm similar to the ice storm that crippled central Massachusetts in December of 2008.

The Board has also been working on regulations with the Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee which would require waste haulers to offer recycling to their customers and to work with employers to separate their recyclables as part of our plan.

Permits issued in 2011 by the Board of Health are as follows:

Farmers Market... ..28 .	Food Establishment. 158
Retail Food ..... 70	Store Milk ..... 87
Catering .....5	Frozen Desserts.....13
Residential F.S. ....4	Mobile Food Service .. 17
Milk Vehicle .....2	Septage Haulers ..... 40
Rubbish Haulers..... 14	Septic Installers ..... 39
Tanning Salons .....3	Funeral Directors .....2
Semi-Public Pools..... 11	Pool Constr.Permits... 15
Trailer Parks .....1	Day Camps ..... 18
Septic Permits..... 85	Variance Appl. .... 45
Building Permits..... 302	Treatment Plant..... 235
Soil Evaluations..... 45	Tobacco Sales..... 25
Animal Permits..... 12	Private Well Permits ..22

Peter Bickford, Chairman  
Stephan White, Member  
Kirk Shilts, D.C., Member

## Historic Districts Commission

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The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for design review in historic districts. The work of the Commission is enabled by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, the Historic Districts Act, and by the Historic Districts By-Law approved by Town Meeting. The mission of the Historic Districts Commission is to protect the history and character of Hingham's historic districts by preserving, through design review, the streetscape and the salient architectural features of the structures located within the historic districts. Hingham is one of over 100 cities and towns in the Commonwealth that has established one or more local historic districts in order to preserve the character and architecturally distinctive features of its historic assets.

The Commission and Administrator review applications from property owners seeking approval for exterior work on properties located in historic districts. Applications for maintenance or repair are reviewed and approved immediately. In 2011, 54 Certificates were issued for maintenance projects. Applications for changes to the exterior of an historical property require design review at a public hearing. The Commission held 14 meetings in 2011, during which 62 projects were reviewed and 62 projects were approved. The Commission's objective is to help applicants meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of the original structure. Guidelines established by the United States Secretary of the Interior for the treatment of historic properties are the basis for the Commission's review of projects. The Secretary's Guidelines are incorporated in Hingham's *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts*, which defines the standards for exterior work on properties located in Hingham's historic districts. Hingham's guidelines can be obtained from the Town's website or from the Historic Districts Commission Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the Commission includes an AIA architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, a resident of an historic district when possible and an at-large member. The public is welcome to attend Commission hearings held monthly at Town Hall, generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month. The Commission Office, on the second floor of Town Hall, is open during Town Hall business hours.



The Commission wishes to thank John McCoy for five years of dedicated service and professional advice and Bill Tuite for his contributions during three years of service as an alternate member. The Commission is especially grateful to Town Historian Winston Hall for the knowledge and wisdom she imparted so graciously during many years of service on the Commission, and for the historical "color commentary" she provided to the delight of homeowners and the enlightenment of her colleagues. The Commission welcomes new appointees Jared Grimm, Lois Levine and Anne Fanton.

The Historic Districts Commission is one of the five permitting boards in the Community Planning Department and appreciates the support of the Building Department, and the cooperation of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Members

Susan Berry, Chair  
Chuck Clutz  
George Ford  
Nancy MacKay  
Lois Levine (Appt. 2/12)

Alternate Members

Arthur Choo, Jr.  
John D'Angelo, Vice-Chair  
Marty Saunders  
Jared Grimm  
Anne Fanton (Appt. 1/12)

Andrea Young, Administrator



*Agricultural Hall.*

*Built in 1867, and as former Town Clerk John Studley said, "departed without ceremony", in 1965. Agricultural Hall stood at the junction of Leavitt and East Streets where the present Public Library is located. The building was 100 x 60 feet with an exhibition hall on the main floor and dining hall for 600 above. It was used for various purposes, including town meetings and voting place.*

## Hingham Historical Commission

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The Hingham Historical Commission was created by Town Meeting in 1974 to serve as the Town's official body for administering the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public interest to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and archeological assets of the Town, many of which are identified in the *Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory*. The *Inventory* lists these assets, including the homes, outbuildings, churches and other non-residential or commercial buildings, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of the town's character, culture and appeal. The *Inventory* is posted on the Town website at <http://www.hingham-ma.com/historical/inventory.html>.

Like Hingham, most cities and towns in the Commonwealth have established local Historical Commissions. Local Historical Commissions are responsible for

- creating and maintaining an inventory of historic assets that includes the structures mentioned in the previous paragraph;
- protecting the above-named assets from neglect, deterioration, demolition and development;
- providing educational opportunities to understand the history of the town and the historic context of important preservation resources.

By virtue of its demonstrated level of commitment to historic preservation, The Town of Hingham has been designated by the National Park Service as a "Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for certain grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Department of the Interior. Hingham has the distinction of being one of only 13 Certified Local Governments in the Commonwealth.

The Hingham Historical Commission carries out its mission via the expertise and commitment of its volunteer members and the resources contained in the *Preservation Projects Fund*, which it established, pursuant to statute, to help carry out projects and programs important for preserving the historic character of the town. Through this fund, initially established with grants and donations, the Commission has established measures to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, catalogued archival materials to make information on the historical and architectural assets of the town available to the public, published two histories of the Town, Not All Is Changed and When I Think of Hingham, and the *Historic Districts Handbook*. In addition, monies within this fund

have been specifically set aside to help maintain such assets as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, the Governor Andrew statue, historical town markers, the Iron Horse "Victory" at Hingham Harbor and the Cyrus V. Bacon fountain at Queen Anne's corner.

Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and proposes projects to preserve the history and character of the Town. The Commission has utilized CPC and other grants to the Preservation Projects Fund to support small preservation projects.

The Commission also advises on certain environmental reviews through the Federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places* program, and administers the Demolition Delay By-law, adopted by vote of Town Meeting IN 1988, which is designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Local Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners and developers to consider alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

Finally, the Commission administers the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, a special fund established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation of, and improvement to, historical assets in the area along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way.

The Historical Commission office is located on the second floor of Town Hall and is open during Town Hall business hours. The Commission meets the first Monday of the month.

#### Members

Virginia Tay, Chair  
Noel Ripley, Jr. Vice-Chair  
Tom Willson  
Beth Rockoff  
Robert Curley, Jr.  
Huck Handy  
Steve Swett

Andrea Young, Administrator

## Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

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2011 was a year of improvements at the Transfer Station. The final portion of the former landfill was capped, the new permitting process to tighten access was completed (new sticker system), and we saw the first full year of operation for the scale, which allows the Town better monitoring of loads in and out of the Transfer Station and a mechanism for appropriately assessing fees for residents and non-residents permitted to bring in commercial waste. The LRWDR Committee provided information for residents about these developments, researched and gathered information from residents about possible improvements to the Swap area, worked to increase recycling opportunities around town, and offered ongoing education about recycling, the costs of waste disposal, and the savings generated for the town by consistent recycling.

The town's household waste tonnage held steady (down 0.3%, or 25 tons, from 2010). Recycling of common household materials increased slightly (up 1.3%, or 200 tons, from 2010.) Recycled household materials (such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metal) now make up 23.5% of total materials disposed at the Transfer Station. Of note, the Bulky/Construction and Demolition waste (C&D) was down by 616 tons (a 40% reduction) compared to 2010, a year which saw severe spring flooding that damaged homes and furniture and produced a large volume of C&D waste. Residents should note that the drop in C&D waste during 2011 occurred even as the Transfer Station began accepting C&D waste from resident and non-resident commercial permit holders for fees.

We are pleased to report a marked increase in cardboard recycling, (up by 142.2 tons compared to the previous year (a 43% increase) which generated \$17,000 in revenue and also saved the town \$11,376 in reduced disposal costs. In total, the Transfer Station generated \$189,800 from the sale of recyclable materials to appropriate vendors in 2011.

The completion of the new permitting process for access to the Transfer Station resulted in 6566 resident stickers issued at no cost and 835 "convenience" stickers issued at a cost of \$25 each to allow an additional vehicle from a household to access the Transfer Station. In addition, two hundred fifty one (251) permits were issued to residents with

commercial vehicles and ten permits were issued to non-residents with commercial plates.

In 2011, the Transfer Station generated \$28,149 from permit fees and \$80,621 from fees for materials brought over the scale and paid for by resident and non-resident commercial permit holders. The success of the scale operation will allow for payback of the capital investment to install the scale and remote monitoring equipment in 2 ½ years, instead of the 3 years originally predicted. No loads of household waste or C&D/Bulky waste were rejected by our contracted waste processors, indicating that the permitting and inspection processes by DPW and Transfer Station staff have been successful.

With the goal of increasing recycling opportunities throughout town, the Committee worked with Town Hall to provide paper, bottle and can recycling bins for all hearing rooms and other areas used by the public at Town Hall. Note: town employees have been recycling in their offices but now visitors to Town Hall are expected to recycle as much of their waste as possible. Home compost bins were sold via a DEP program to town residents in May and information was provided about composting as a means of reducing waste and waste disposal costs.

The Committee worked to keep residents informed about changes in the Transfer Station's configuration during the landfill capping construction and the temporary closing of the Swap area, until the process was completed. In response to resident concerns, a temporary Swap location with part-time hours was developed, allowing for a partial reopening of the Swap even during the construction period. With the help of resident Meg Robbins, the Committee researched models for Swap/Re-Use-It areas among local towns. In September, a public meeting was held to gather suggestions on how to improve the Swap area overall. The Committee is pleased to report that, at this writing, planning is underway to develop an improved, volunteer-run program for Swap operations. Once in place, the new plan would allow the Swap to move to a larger, somewhat removed space at the Transfer Station and, eventually, to have a shelter to hold materials for several days.

The Committee continues to work with all the Hingham Schools to increase recycling and reduce materials use in Hingham school buildings. The Committee is pleased to report that five out of six of the public schools, along with Derby Academy and St. Paul's School, have composting in place for waste vegetable and fruit matter from school lunches. The compost generated is then used in the schools' gardens.

The Committee prepared educational displays for our bulletin board at Town Hall and for display at the Hingham Library on such subjects as stopping junk mail, household hazardous waste and latex paint recycling, and appropriate use of the Swap area. Articles were submitted to the Hingham Journal about the stages of the capping process for the former landfill and the changes in operations at the Transfer Station during the construction process. Another article described the new DPW bottle/can redemption program which requires youth groups to perform community service in exchange for receiving the proceeds from bottle/can redemption at the Transfer Station. (In 2011, \$18,000 in redemption proceeds were given to Hingham youth groups in exchange for such services as picking up trash from parks, putting out flags to honor veterans' graves, painting railings on town buildings, and collecting lost golf balls at South Shore Country Club.)

The Committee also researched how other Massachusetts towns are working to encourage businesses to increase their recycling and make their recycling operations visible, especially in businesses that generate customer waste. Businesses in Hingham contract for waste and recycling services from private haulers, who take their waste and recycling to processing facilities out of town. The Committee would like for town residents and other customers to have a consistent opportunity to recycle appropriate materials around town and see a consistent commitment to recycling, in accordance with Hingham's regulations and the Commonwealth's laws. In that effort, the Committee provided information to the Board of Health to support their work on permitting waste and recycling dumpsters around town. We also met with the staff from land-use town departments to address placing recycling containers next to waste containers in public spaces.

For 2012, the Committee has set a goal of increasing resident and municipal recycling to 35%, thereby reducing waste disposal to 65%, which would translate to an approximately \$42,000 in savings on waste disposal costs. Our contract rate with SEMASS is now \$81 per ton to incinerate the town's waste in their Waste to Energy facility in West Wareham, MA. Please look for the quarterly reports of our progress towards this goal in the Hingham Journal and on the DPW website. (Our focus will be on increasing awareness about the importance of donating clothing and other textiles for re-use and conversion to fibers for upholstery as a means of reducing waste, as well as on increasing paper and cardboard recycling, materials that continue to be present in great quantities in our waste stream.) We will also be working with DPW to develop the guidelines for the volunteer staffed Swap program and will work to secure funds for a shelter for the Swap to allow holding gently

used materials for re-use. And we will be helping to inform residents that vehicles coming to the Transfer Station will need a new 2012 permit (green sticker) as of the month correlated to the last digit of the vehicle license plate (i.e. plates ending in a 4 will need a new green sticker by the end of April 2012 and so on.)

Additionally, for 2012, we expect to increase education about home composting as a means of reducing waste and waste disposal costs, as 20% of resident waste is organic materials. A new opportunity at the Transfer Station this year will be a collection container for waste cooking oil. In addition to removing the oil from the waste stream tonnage, the oil will be used as an additive to make bio-fuels and the collection company will pay the town \$.75 per gallon.

Thank you for supporting Hingham's efforts to dispose of its waste in an environmentally responsible manner as well as reuse and recycle those materials that have a second life.

Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth  
Brenda P. Black  
Elizabeth A. Dewire  
Kimberly Juric  
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Leon Merian  
Peter Stathopoulos  
Karen F. Thompson  
David P. White



## Logan Noise Study

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The Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS) is the largest FAA-funded noise study in the nation as is the result of a mitigation requirement contained in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) 2002 environmental Record of Decision (ROD). Hingham has been an active Community Advisory Committee (CAC) member and contributor to the study for many years.

The ROD requires that the FAA, Massport and the CAC work jointly to develop a scope of a noise study that will include enhancing existing and/or developing new noise abatement measures applicable to aircraft overflights which do not diminish safety and efficiency, and/or cause adverse impacts to other communities.

The study is being conducted in phases. **Phase 1**, called the Boston Overflight Noise Study (BONS), began in 2003 and culminated in October 2007 with an FAA environmental ROD that identified several CAC recommended noise abatement procedures for FAA implementation within approximately two years. **Phase 2**, called the Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS), began in early 2007 and invites additional noise reduction concepts that involve both airport ground noise movements and operations in the air. During this phase, CAC proposed further ideas not evaluated in Phase 1 that may address aircraft noise concerns voiced by each community representative and the overall noise abatement goals of the CAC.

Phase 2 will consider: (1) some carry-over measures from Phase 1 that could not be implemented early, (2) ground noise measures that were not part of the Phase 1 scope of work, (3) any additional noise abatement measures identified by the CAC that meet their noise abatement goals and objectives, and (4) if the existing Preferential Runway Advisory System (PRAS) should proceed in its current or changed state. Many of Hingham's and the surrounding communities' recommendations were adopted and already implemented.

At the conclusion of Phase 2, the CAC will recommend to Massport a series of measures for implementation. These measures will be the subject of an environmental document to be prepared in Phase 3 that will document the potential environmental impact of the proposed measures. If CAC and Massport decide to assess the PRAS program, efforts would be under Phase 3. To date, there are 10 measures under consideration for Phase 2; screened down from 53.



Finally, the impact to Hingham has been very positive with a substantial lowering in noise levels. The only remaining nuisance is the occasional night time overflight which thankfully, is usually experienced during the winter when windows are closed.

For more information, please go to <http://www.bostonoverflightnoise.com> or email Declan Boland (Hingham CAC Member and CAC Clerk) at [declan.boland@comcast.net](mailto:declan.boland@comcast.net).



Graphic shows average noise contours around Boston Harbor with the 45 DNB being closest to Hingham. By contrast, a motor cycle in your vicinity is around 90+ DNB.

## Memorial Bell Tower Committee

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In 1912, the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower was dedicated as a living, speaking memorial to the early settlers of Hingham. It was paid for by public subscription and is maintained by the Town of Hingham through a committee established at the Annual Town Meeting in 1975.

The six-story tower was designed by William Rodger Greeley following the style of a European campanile; the bells being placed at the top of a tall tower so that the long sides can absorb the thrust of the bells as they swing. This accounts for the shaking that can be felt as the bells are rung. The Tower is fabricated of "Boston Brick", reinforced concrete and steel on a granite foundation. There are four rooms in the tower; two memorial rooms and two rooms involved with ringing of the bells.

Preservation studies were done on the Bell Tower in 2011, which will be 100 years old next year.

You are invited to visit the Tower and maybe even try ringing! We ring Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., weather permitting. Please stop by.

Kenneth W. Drescher  
Michael Shilhan  
Ann Shilhan  
Joan R. Getto  
Dorcas Wagner  
Martha Ryan



## Plymouth County Mosquito Control

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The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2011.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

As a result of a mild winter with abundant snow cover, the 2011 season began with a high water table and above average number of spring mosquitoes. As we expected the initial requests for spraying were numerous following the worst Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) threat in 100 years in 2010. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Over 11,000 acres were aerial larvicided using the Project plane. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 1, 2011 and ended on September 16, 2011. The Project responded to 16,306 spray requests for service from residents. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 58,701 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent West Nile Virus (WNV).

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

The first virus isolations were identified on July 19, 2011 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, a (WNV) West Nile Virus from a *Culex pipien/restuan*, a bird biting species, in Cohasset and on the same day a *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, was found to have (EEE) Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus in the town of Bridgewater.

The 2011 season had a total of 34 EEE isolates, and 11 WNV trapped in Plymouth County, none of which were in Hingham.

Based on guidelines defined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, the season began with 23 Plymouth County towns at "Low Level" and 4 towns at the "Moderate Level" for EEE risk category. The season ended

with 19 Plymouth County towns at "Low Level" and 5 towns at the "Moderate Level" for EEE Risk and 4 towns at "high level" EEE risk category. In 2011 there were no human or horse cases as a result of contracting EEEV or WNV in Plymouth County.

The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project website [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

The figures specific to the town of Hingham are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Hingham residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 4,150 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

During the summer 3,875 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. Last year a total of 88 inspections were made to catalogued breeding sites.

**Water Management.** During 2011 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 700 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors.

The complaint response time in the Town of Hingham was less than three days with more than 932 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Culiseta melanura* and *Coquilleltidia perturbans*. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were *Cs. melanura*, *Cx. species* and *Ae. vexans*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Texeira  
Superintendent

Commissioners:  
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman  
Leighton F. Peck, Vice-Chairman/Secretary  
Kimberly King  
Michael F. Valenti  
John Kenney

## Hingham Public Library

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"Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest."

Lady Bird Johnson, Former First Lady

In 1778, when the town of Franklin, Massachusetts was incorporated, it was named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Franklin. In return, Dr. Franklin was asked to donate a bell for the town's church steeple. Acknowledging that "sense" was preferable to "sound," Ben Franklin responded with an offer of books for the use of the town's residents. When the volumes arrived, a great controversy arose over who should be allowed to use them. On November 20, 1790, those attending the Franklin town meeting voted to lend the books to all Franklin residents free of charge. This vote established the Franklin collection as the first public library in the United States. In essence, Franklin saw that access to a free library would lead the way towards empowering individuals.

Today, the library's legacy of "free and open to all" endures. This is a purely American principle, founded in Massachusetts. Our library and hundreds of libraries across the Commonwealth celebrate the fact that regardless of race, creed, or national origin, individuals can come to the library and be empowered. Libraries open the world to children who are inspired with ideas for the future. Older learners obtain new skills through life-long learning classes and lectures. Students engage the intellectual resources and tools that allow them to become thinking adults. Electronic resources allow patrons of all ages to stay connected and not be left behind in the increasingly "digital" world.

Empowerment comes not only from free and open access, but from a library that inspires and has the ability to grow with the needs of the people who use it. These ideals of strong library service require appropriate funding from local, state, federal sources, and the supplementary help of private donors. In FY 2011, state funding dropped below mid-1990's levels, threatening the core services that are at the heart of empowering people. Diminished state funding compromises cooperative library services because library service is highly integrated in the Commonwealth. This could be viewed as another roadblock to empowerment. Local funds have allowed only bare-bones service levels. Sunday hours, a mainstay of the Library since the 1970s is no longer predictably in our operational calendar and has appeared in abbreviated schedule in the last several years only because of the kindness and extraordinary generosity of an anonymous donor working through the

Rhode Island Foundation. In 2011 a \$16,000 Rhode Island Foundation grant along with a \$10,000 match from the Town of Hingham allowed the Library to offer Sundays from mid-January through the end of May. Funds for library materials sufficient to meet the needs of residents are stretched paper-thin. New funds for books and electronic resources largely have come through private fund-raising as municipal funding for these core services is non-existent. The Board of Library Trustees and local budget-makers soon must have an earnest conversation about obtaining a modest contribution of municipal funds for these core services as soon as the local financial picture shows reliable improvement. Continuous fund-raising, while having a place in our funding mix, is not likely to be sustainable as the only way to grow the library budget. Libraries are free in that they offer equality of access and no financial barriers to use but they do require someone to pay for them. Shared civic cost through public taxation for the library as a public benefit helps to equalize the opportunity for all our residents to succeed and to grow as citizens of Hingham, the Commonwealth, the nation and the world.

Despite the reduced and no-growth budgets of the past five years HPL is committed to finding ways to rebuild, strengthen and restore what has been lost or forced to languish on the sidelines. Our objective is to see that "sense" takes the place of "sound" in the deliberations of local budget-makers.

In this annual report you will see that your library works for you and strives for your support. Losses of personnel, curtailed operating hours and shrinking book budgets that featured large in the Library's 2010 budget rippled forward into 2011. There is no getting around the fact that expertise, access and resources have gone in the wrong direction or stagnated. And, for the second consecutive year since the decades old State Library Aid program began, HPL required a waiver from the minimum standards to participate in the program. HPL met the program's open hours and materials expenditure requirements but did not comply with the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR). The MAR is a minimum budgetary appropriation made through Annual Town Meeting. HPL most likely will need to apply for yet another waiver for the same deficiency in 2012.

However, there is much about which to be positive. Library usage is at record levels as the economy has shifted residents to the affordable services of the library and allowed a broad segment of the community to "discover" or "re-discover" its resources. The Circulation Department remained busy during 2011, with staff working diligently to assist the

260,537 patrons who walked through the doors. During 2011, staff assisted patrons by checking out 427,843 items, 107,138 of which were loaned to non-residents; filling 43,090 holds; handling 111,461 items in delivery; and registering 1,485 new patrons. The Library now has 14,123 card-holders of which 13,097 are Hingham residents. Over 9,400 individuals ranging in age from pre-schoolers to senior citizens attended programs and special events. The Reference Department fielded over 5,800 requests for information. Over 90 volunteers gave generously of their time and talent contributing 5,807 hours to keep the Library running efficiently. This is the equivalent of 2.5 fulltime employees. The Library was open 2,675 hours to the public, down from the prior year by 44 hours due to the reduced Sunday schedule.

6,216 people attended the Library's many programs for children & families. The addition of a Baby Story Time program, Stories & Snacks, and three different author visits in the fall, were just a few of the things that kept families busy at the library.

The Baby Story Time program for babies 0 - 12 months began in January. In this weekly program babies and their caregivers employ the building blocks of early literacy - learning finger plays and baby signs, singing and listening to music, and reading stories. This new program has been very well received, with a waiting list for each new session.

In recent years the Library has seen a growing interest in its life-long learning offerings. Life-long learning is the provision of opportunities for people of all ages to acquire and update abilities, interests, knowledge and qualifications. Life-long learning activities promote the development of knowledge and competences to enable each citizen to adapt to the growing knowledge-based society and actively participate in all spheres of its social and economic life. Activities have included author visits, lectures, discussion groups and concerts. Reference staff continue to offer small-group and one-to-one tutorials on the use of computers, online library resources, and genealogy.

The year has witnessed an explosion of interest in e-books, and in response the library has committed to building a strong virtual collection. In addition to collection development, Reference staff has taken on the task of patron education in this area, providing advice on the purchase and set-up of e-readers and one-on-one assistance with locating and borrowing e-books. 2011 was the take-off year for eBooks at HPL. Usage is climbing sharply as we continuously add content and as e-readers and smart phones become consumer commodities.



In adult programming, the year's events included six programs in the ongoing "Evening with the Author" series as well as a three-part lecture series called "A Sense of Place," focused on some of the iconic events, people, and things that make New England unique. The library also was one of 30 libraries nationwide to receive a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to run the seven-part "Louisa May Alcott: The Woman behind *Little Women*," a reading, viewing, and discussion series led by scholars of 19<sup>th</sup> century American literary history.

The *Saturday Sounds Special* music series presented in association with the Boston Classical Guitar Society continues to thrive. The quality of the of the performances is extraordinary, reviling anything residents would experience in the Boston musical scene. Similarly, the Audiovisual Department's *Independent Movie Night* monthly offerings are eagerly anticipated by loyal audience.

A number of appreciation and recognition notes are in order. To Joan Newell for her on-going leadership as our Volunteer Coordinator; to Adrienne Richards and Irma Lauter for guiding our used Bookstore and the Home Delivery service; to the Garden Club of Hingham for landscape maintenance and floral presentations; to Trustee Edna English, Business Administrator Joan Allen and Library Technician Jill Blair for their superb management of the New Century Fund drive; to the Board of Library Trustees for their guidance and collective vision; to the Library staff for its energy and creativity in meeting the challenges of maintaining service excellence in difficult economic times.

And finally, the Selectmen appointed Tina Sherwood to the Board in 2011 to fill a long-standing vacancy and reappointed Trustee Susan Rabuffo to a new term.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis R. Corcoran  
Library Director

## Hingham Public Schools

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As of October 1, 2011, there were 4087 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 44 students over October 1, 2010. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 48 pre-school students in the integrated program, 58 out-of-district students (special education), and 3 vocational students.

The 2011 Town Election saw Carol M. Falvey and Edward Schreier elected to the School Committee, replacing retiring members Christine Smith and Esther Healey. Linda Hill and Caryl Falvey were elected School Committee Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, in May 2011. Ray Estes assumed the roles of SC Secretary and Chair of the School Building Committee.

School leadership changes in 2011 included the appointments of Jennifer Lowe as Assistant Principal for South and Foster Schools, Katie Roberts as K-12 Science Director, Kim Smyth as Interim Director of the Food Services Program, and Kathleen Jordan replacing long-time director Sharon McKay at the helm of the Kids-in-Action Program. John Ferris, Director of Business and Support Services, began his Hingham service in January 2011, succeeding David Killory, who retired.

The operating budget for fiscal year 2012 (school year 2011-2012) was approved in April 2011 at \$38,434,395 (and \$329,327 in capital funds). That figure includes a town meeting appropriation and the use of federal stimulus dollars in the amount of \$783,629.

The April 2011 Town Meeting also approved funding for a \$600,000 Feasibility Study for a new Middle School under the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Model School Program. A companion warrant article rescinded a prior unexpended appropriation of \$236,000, thereby reducing the net appropriation to \$364,000.

An October 2011 Special Town Meeting and Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote approved final design and construction funding for a new middle school, to be built on the site of the current middle school at a cost of \$60,910,920. The anticipated state reimbursement of the project will be at 43.87% of eligible costs thereby resulting in a net cost to Hingham of approximately \$35,000,000. At the same Town Meeting and Ballot vote, citizens also agreed to fund construction costs for Phase I (track reconstruction and tennis court repair) and design fees for Phase II (multi-purpose field, drainage improvements, and other possible

attributes) of a much needed, comprehensive high school fields improvement project

Academically, Hingham students continued to perform above state averages at every grade and subject on the 2011 MCAS. The percentage of Hingham students performing at the proficient or advanced levels increased in grade 5 English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics, grade 6 ELA, grade 8 ELA, and grade 10 ELA and math. In grade 10, 96% of students scored at the proficient or advanced level in ELA, 91% in math, and 89% in science, with 53% scoring at the advanced level in ELA and 57% scoring advanced in math. All members of the Class of 2011 demonstrated proficiency on the ELA, math and science MCAS tests that are required for a state certified diploma. Student Growth Percentile (SGP) reports released by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) are used to measure student performance changes on MCAS over time. In Hingham, SGPs were rated as "high" at grades 5, 7, and 10 in ELA and at grade 5 in math.

All six schools and the district as a whole met the 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets issued by the DESE in math for the aggregate, and all but South met the ELA target for the aggregate population. The district, HHS, East, Foster, and PRS met subgroup as well as aggregate targets. HMS is in "Improvement-Year 1" status for its special education subgroup performance in ELA and math; and South School is in the "Corrective Action" category for ELA in the aggregate and for special education subgroup performance in the prior two years. Plymouth River School received a DESE commendation for "High Growth".

Following the Spring 2011 MA DESE adoption of the federal Common Core Standards, now the 2011 Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy, Hingham administrators, teachers, and support staff at all levels began work on aligning and revising local curriculum to better prepare students for the 2012 MCAS. The realignment efforts will continue over the next two years.

On June 4, 2011, 245 students graduated from Hingham High School. Of these graduates, 88% planned to continue their formal education. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2011 include: 3 National Merit semi-finalists, 16 National Merit commended students, 64 Advanced Placement Scholars, and 39 members inducted into the National Honor Society. At the Annual Senior Awards Night, 199 members of the Class of 2011 were honored. More than \$292,000 in

local scholarship funds was awarded to these graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations.

Participation in athletics remains very high. Approximately 72% of all high school students participate in athletics. The success of the program continues to be impressive. Hingham High School won the Patriot League Sportsmanship Award for 2011. Twenty-four teams participated in Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) post-season competition. Six teams won the Patriot League Championship including girls' winter and spring track, boys' winter track, baseball, boys' tennis and boys' soccer. The boys' soccer team has won the title for four years in a row. The wrestling team won the MIAA Division III South Sectional Championship. The girls' ice hockey team won the Division I MIAA State Championship. This is most notable because girls' ice hockey has been an established program in Hingham for only 7 years. In 2008, the team won the MIAA Division II Championship. They also won the prestigious Mulloy Award for sportsmanship for the second year in a row. The girls and boys winter track teams won the MIAA Division III Relay Championship. Coach of the Year honors went to Girls' Track Coach, Dave Jewett (*Boston Globe*), Wrestling Coach, Paul Canniff (Division III Coaches Association) and Girls Ice Hockey Coach, Tom Findley (*Boston Globe* and National Ice Hockey Officials Association.) Athletic Director, Margaret Conaty was the recipient of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's Distinguished Service Award.

In February of 2011, the middle school suffered extensive damage to a number of the laminated wooden beam roof supports due to the weight of snow, ice, and rain that had accumulated after several winter storms in rapid succession. The school was promptly evacuated and the building was assessed for structural integrity; over the next four days, the roof was cleared, and short-term repair/mitigation steps were taken for the safe return of the students. Due to the herculean efforts of administration, school support staff, and town and private contractor help, the school was closed for only two school days after the evacuation. Those two days were made up on Saturdays in March and April.

Shortly thereafter (and as a direct result of the roof structural issues) the middle school was invited into the MSBA's Model School Program, leading to the previously mentioned April Town Meeting vote for the required feasibility study.

The four elementary schools continue to enhance instruction in literacy, math, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives including Response to Intervention (RTI) models of targeted instruction, updated curriculum and assessment materials, technology support, tutoring, holiday and seasonal celebrations, book clubs, literacy and math nights, involvement with the community, cultural enrichment programs, and service projects. Each of the elementary schools has designed, posted, and trained staff in school-specific behavior matrixes in order to create safe and productive learning environments that foster responsibility and respect. The latter efforts reflect the HPS Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan (*The Three Rs: Respect, Responsibility, and Relationships*), Hingham's response to the 2010 MA "Bullying Law."

During Spring 2011, Hingham administrators developed a new Five-Year Strategic Plan with an accompanying One-Year Action Plan, both of which were adopted by the School Committee.

The Hingham Public Schools again benefitted from strong and long-standing community partnerships in 2011. The cooperative efforts and generosity of parents, PTO's, booster and other community groups, civic organizations, the Hingham Education Foundation, and the Hingham Sports Partnership have supported the School Department in realizing its mission and achieving its goals. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many community efforts that serve to enhance the excellent facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools. A special thank you goes to the citizens of the Town for their ongoing support of education and their recent funding of the proposed new middle school and improvements to the high school athletic campus!

DOROTHY GALO, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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## Recreation Commission

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The Hingham Recreation Commission is a five member elected board which oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. The mission of the Recreation Commission is to provide high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintain safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout Hingham. It is the vision of the Recreation Department to be a recognized leader among recreation programs within the region, helping as many Hingham people live healthier and happier lives by providing recreation access and choices for residents of all ages in a fair and balanced way. The Recreation Department's program offerings strive to assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social, and emotional well-being.

The Hingham Recreation Department offered a wide variety of child and teen programs in 2011, perhaps the most successful being the Recreation Summer Program. The Summer Program which consists of three age-determined programs, namely Preschool, Playground, and Teen Extreme served more than 1300 Hingham children in the summer of 2011. This high attendance rate is the result of the Recreation staff's continued efforts to improve and expand the scope of the Summer Program. These efforts were materialized in 2011 through the introduction of a half day preschool option for three year olds as well as the return of the Teen Extreme program which serves children in grades six through nine. In addition to expanding the scope of eligible residents, the Recreation summer staff further enhanced the program by introducing a number of new and exciting entertainers, including yoga, dance, and martial arts instructors.

The goal of the Summer Program is to provide Hingham children with the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, enjoy old friends, take part in new activities, improve social skills, and foster a sense of belonging. Additionally, the program allows residents to take full advantage of all Rec Center facilities including the numerous Cronin athletic fields, the indoor basketball gymnasium, the interactive arcade-style game room, and the child care room which serves as a summer arts and crafts classroom. While the Recreation Department's facilities are a large part of the program's appeal, the program's continued success is owed in large part to the dynamic group of Hingham teens who serve as summer counselors. With top notch facilities and an experienced and energetic staff, the Recreation Department looks forward to further improvements and expansions for the summer of 2012.

Other highlights from the summer included the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual running of the Hingham 4<sup>th</sup> of July Road Race, one of the town's finest traditions. In recent years, in an attempt to accommodate the growing number of runners, the Recreation Department employed a new starting configuration. The staggering of runners based on ability and the relocation of the starting line from the Middle School driveway to Main Street has helped to eliminate starting line backups and/or injuries. These simple modifications allowed for a safe and exciting start to our Independence Day celebrations. The Recreation Department would like to thank all those who make this annual race possible. Thanks to Hingham Striders, who have cultivated and reshaped this growing race into the event we know today. Through their entrepreneurial innovation, dedication to community, and sustainable fundraising legacy, race proceeds continue to generate seed money to subsidize quality, affordable programs, finance special events, and fund capital projects.

While the summer of 2011 was a great success for the Recreation Department, the winter was no less exciting with numerous changes to the Hingham Striders Fitness Room falling into place. Per customer request, the Recreation Department expanded its Fitness Room hours to accommodate early morning workouts. In addition, the Recreation Department introduced its new monthly membership option which allows Hingham residents to enjoy all the amenities of a Striders Fitness Room membership without the worry of a long term commitment. The monthly membership option has proved to be quite popular amongst Hingham residents and the Recreation Department looks forward to increasing its member base even further in 2012.

New changes and expansions to Recreation programs and facilities, like those mentioned above, are made possible by the adoption of new Recreation software. By digitizing its registration process, the Recreation Department was able to eliminate the Summer Program lottery system for the summer of 2011, a feat which proved convenient for both staff and customers alike. Additionally, the introduction of online registration has increased the Department's ability to manage its growing number of programs and has made communication with customers simpler and more efficient.

Frank Jones, Chair  
Paul Paget, Vice Chair  
Tom Belyea, Secretary  
Budd Thorne  
Bob Keyes  
Mark Thorell, Director of Recreation



## Hingham Scholarship Committee

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The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2011 were \$3,148,481 compared to \$3,261,164 at the end of 2010. These figures include investment returns, deposits of \$14,337 and disbursements for scholarships and administrative fees of \$156,300. If net disbursements are included with investment returns, present and future beneficiaries enjoyed a return on investments of +0.9% in 2011.

Market returns were disparate across asset classes in 2011. The BarCap Aggregate, a broad investment grade bond index returned +7.8%. The S&P 500, an index comprised of the 500 largest US public companies according to market capitalization, returned +2.1%. The Russell 2000 Index, an equity index that includes a broad array of medium sized US companies suffered a -4.2% reversal in 2011. The MSCI EAFE Index, which measures large company equity performance domiciled in Europe, Australasia and the Far East had a -12.1% return last year.

The asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds and money market equivalents has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for the past two years. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests and the low level of interest rates, the committee feels this mix to be most prudent. In 2011 the fund benefited from positions in US equities and fixed income, while the approximate 10% exposure to international equities detracted from performance.

The committee voted to provide \$155,000 in scholarship awards in 2011. This compares to \$144,000 in 2010 and \$124,000 in 2009. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years over \$2 million has been awarded to Hingham High School graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. We continue to rely heavily upon the skills and professional acumen of members of the Treasurer's Office, specifically Nancy Leahy, for trade implementation and accurate processing of donations and disbursements.

### Appointees

Roger Nastou, Thomas Hagstrom, Kurt Weisenbeck, Matthew Welch, Jean Montgomery, Andrew Shafter, Clay Graham





*Architect's rendering of the proposed new middle school*

In 2011, The Hingham School Building Committee marked the completion of three major construction/renovation projects in accordance with the mandate it received from voters at previous Town Meetings to execute the recommendations contained in the Ten-Year Master Plan developed by the School Facility Study Committee in 2006. Working with the School Department and the School Committee, the School Building Committee was charged with the renovation of Foster and Plymouth River Elementary Schools, and the construction of the new East Elementary School, which opened in September 2009. All three of these projects are 100% complete. With Alan MacDonald and Esther Healey departing its membership in early spring, and with sincere gratitude for their collective contributions, the School Building Committee welcomed newly appointed members Robert Bucey and Raymond Estes.

The School Building Committee is particularly pleased to announce that the completed Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) audit of the East School construction project yielded a savings for the Town of more than \$780,000 from the budgeted amount and the Town was reimbursed over \$9.5 million for the Commonwealth's share of the

eligible construction costs. The completed renovations of Foster and PRS have breathed 10-15 years of new life into the Town's two oldest elementary schools and enhanced parity of the learning environment across all four of Hingham's elementary schools. The School Building Committee believes the success of these projects reflects a collaborative effort that included vigilant oversight, cost control, and attention to detail by the School Building Committee; high quality services provided by the Owner's Project Manager, design team, and general contractors; and continuous, thoughtful support and input from members of the School Department staff, administrators, teachers, and other professionals throughout the school system as well as the members of the School Committee.

With overcrowding and physical plant deficiencies increasingly affecting the learning experience for middle school students, efforts to seek a solution were renewed and redoubled. Following the report of the Master Plan Review Committee (MPRC) in October 2010, which confirmed the pressing need to address concerns first identified in the 2006 Master Plan, several options to pursue its final, unrealized recommendation were explored, including an addition/renovation of the existing building, construction of a new school, and a new school designed and constructed pursuant to the MSBA's Model School Program, which promises reduced costs for design and an expedited evaluation, approval and construction process. Due to both recognition of Hingham's continued need and the recent successful partnership in the development and construction of East Elementary, the MSBA chose to work with Hingham again for a middle school project. Severe winter storms that damaged structural elements of the existing middle school as well as cost considerations narrowed the options being considered and led the MSBA to extend an invitation into its Model Middle School Program. School and Town officials agreed that the opportunity to increase the potential level of cost reimbursement for the Town and the compressed design and construction schedule associated with the model program that would expedite completion of the project were benefits that could not be declined.

At Town Meeting in April, voters approved \$600,000 in funding for the feasibility and schematic design phase of the project. The School Building Committee proceeded to select an Owner's Project Manager (Mary Mahoney of KBA) and Architect (Ai3) and both professionals began work immediately to adapt the chosen model school (Whitman-Hanson High School) to suit Hingham's middle school site, enrollment and programmatic specifications. Design development and site engineering progressed throughout the summer leading to MSBA approval in late

September of the scope and budget for a new 176,385 square foot middle school. In an effort to reduce and control costs with the goal of delivering the most cost-effective result possible, the School Building Committee engaged in multiple rounds of aggressive value-engineering that reduced the total project cost by millions--a process that the School Building Committee will seek to continue throughout the project. The total cost of the project was estimated to be \$60.9 million of which Hingham's share is approximately \$35 million. The balance will be paid by the MSBA at the reimbursement rate of nearly 44%--almost \$26 million.

Following successful votes at the Special Town Meeting and Special Election in late October, the School Building Committee immediately turned its attention to the next phase of project design. The schematic renderings developed over the summer were refined to include specific space components and reflect both functionality and aesthetics that combine quality, taste and cost efficiency. Extensive middle school staff and user group meetings provided essential input, which has highlighted a collaborative approach to this endeavor while positively influencing design development. An aggressive but achievable permitting schedule was established as the year came to a close with initial presentations to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Health set for January 2012.

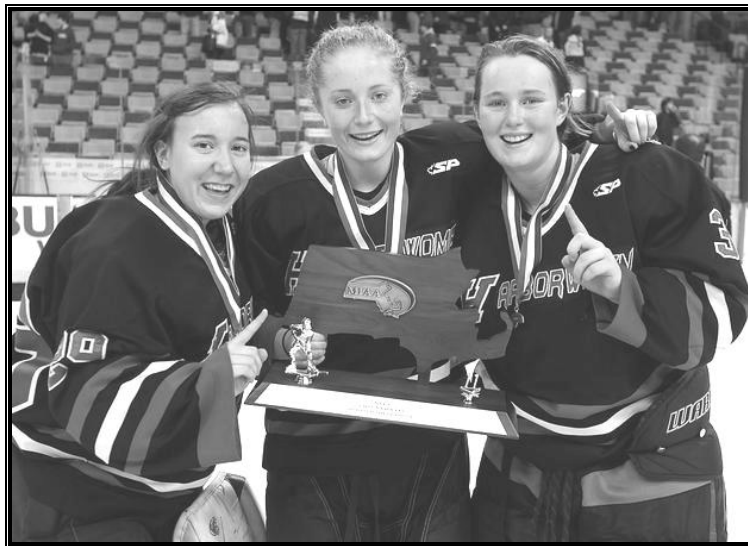
The development of construction-level design documents and additional cost estimates have provided further opportunities to determine the anticipated project costs leading up to the bidding process slated for April 2012, which will confirm the true cost of the project. As presently forecast, the 24-month construction phase should begin in June, paving the way for new school occupation in September 2014. The demolition of the existing middle school and completion of site work, including new athletic fields, ample parking and circulation improvements, are scheduled to be completed by late spring 2015.

The new Hingham Middle School will incorporate high-performance and quality design, cost-efficient construction, the inclusion of green and sustainable features, and up-to-date technology and operating systems that will yield ease of use and maintenance. Most importantly, it will provide well for the educational needs of Hingham middle school students, maintaining a long-standing tradition of excellence for generations to come.

The School Building Committee is grateful for the cooperation and support of Representative Garrett Bradley and Senator Bob Hedlund as it

navigated its way through the MSBA's new program. As the School Building Committee executes one of the largest and most complex projects ever undertaken by the Town, the efforts of many cannot be ignored. The aforementioned permitting boards, the Energy Action Committee and other collaborating groups and individuals also deserve recognition for their participation in the middle school project. The School Department and past and present members of the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee all played key roles over several years to reach this point and realize the vision of the 2006 Master Plan.

Raymond C. Estes, Chair  
Timothy R. Collins, Vice-Chair  
Sandra Cleary, Secretary  
Samantha Anderson  
Peter Bradley  
Robert Bucey  
Stefan Vogelmann



*Beth Findley, Katie Walsh, Catherine Chittick, co-captains of Girls Ice Hockey.  
Winners of 2011 Division I MIAA State Championship and the  
Mulloy Award for sportsmanship for the second year in a row.*

## Hingham Shade Tree Committee

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The Hingham Shade Tree Committee, established by the Board of Selectmen in December, 2010, has produced some rather noticeable results during the past year. In line with its mission to implement professional landscape design principles on the Town's public lands, it has delivered the re-landscaping of Jackass Park for the enjoyment of all. Most interestingly, this was accomplished without cost to the taxpayers. Through the generosity of the Garden Club of Hingham, whose gift of \$27,000 paid for the professional design, plants and trees, water supply (3 faucets) and planting materials, this became possible. The Department of Public Works also made a huge contribution of time for both the planning and installation of the project, and will continue to care for the park along with volunteers.

The first year's project, chosen by the Committee and Selectmen, was to apply professional landscape design to Main Street between Queen Anne's Corner and Cold Corner. This included not only the redesign of Jackass Park, but also replacement of the many small ornamental trees along Main Street that were not shade trees. The planning for this part of the project has been done but implementation is not yet completed, which it is hoped will happen in the spring and fall of this year.

A master list of shade trees has been compiled by a professional Landscape Architect in conjunction with the Shade Tree Committee, which the DPW has agreed to use throughout Hingham. Using this list permanently, it will be possible to replace, over time, dead or unsuitable trees with other tree species to provide welcoming shade. For this reason, the Shade Tree Committee refers to this work as "The Hundred Year Plan".

The Shade Tree Committee meets frequently during the planting season, and has begun defining its goals for the year. Those will likely include finishing the undone work on Main Street that it had planned: redesign and re-landscaping of certain traffic islands along Main Street as well as completion of the replacement of the small ornamentals mentioned above. But it will also be looking at other high-visibility areas of town in need of professional landscape design and re-landscaping, such as areas of the waterfront.

Shirley Rydell, Chair  
Jay Ippolito  
Carol Pyles  
A. Jordan Smith

## Veterans' Services

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The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115. The Department is also charged with the responsibility for arranging and managing the Town's Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies as well as the annual graveside memorial ceremony for the Town's Medal of Honor recipient, Seaman Herbert Lewis Foss.

Army Chief of Staff General George Casey, Jr. was the featured speaker for the Memorial Day observance at the Matthew Hawkes Square, and Department of Veterans' Affairs Women's Program Manager, Ms. Carolyn Mason Wholley, was the featured speaker for the Veterans' Day ceremony at Town Hall. In addition, veterans and their families gathered again on the third Friday of September to conduct a twilight Day of Remembrance at the POW/MIA Memorial.

During the late autumn, the Town entered into discussions with the Town of Scituate regarding possible 'regionalization' of Veterans' Services. Both Towns' Boards of Selectmen approved an Inter-Municipal Agreement providing for a joint trial of such an arrangement during Fiscal Year 2012, with a mutual reevaluation to occur prior to possible renewal for Fiscal Year 2013. The Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services approved the formation of the proposed Hingham/Scituate Veterans' Services District in January, 2012.

The construction of six units of affordable housing on Fort Hill Street for qualifying veterans by Father Bill's & MainSpring, Inc. (FBMS) is well underway; a formal opening is targeted for May 17, 2012. The Department succeeded in placing a homeless veteran and her infant child at a similar facility in western Massachusetts and has also helped a number of employable veterans to avail themselves of Federal and State support in their job search endeavors.

During Fiscal Year 2011, the Veterans' Services Department administered benefits in excess of \$280,000 to enable over two dozen eligible veterans and their dependents to live in dignity and with appropriate medical support.

The first-year implementation of the Town's Veterans In Need Fund through contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property tax payments has resulted in receipts of \$4,670. As intended,

distributions from this Fund have been used to provide emergency shelter, heating, and sustenance support to qualifying veterans in need as recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer and approved by the Town Veterans' Council. Unlike most of the telephone solicitations—purportedly on behalf of veterans—that Town citizens are receiving on an increasing frequency, there are no 'administrative' fees deducted from contributions to the Fund.

The Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, Town committee members and all the Town's citizens who have provided such strong support to our veterans and their dependents throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. Jermyn, Director  
Hingham Veterans' Services



*Seaman Herbert Lewis Foss grave site, Fort Hill Street Cemetery*

## Wastewater Master Planning Committee

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The majority work of the Wastewater Master Planning Committee was largely finished in 2010, capped with a final public hearing on April 22 and completion of the draft Master Wastewater Plan. A Master Wastewater Plan serves to guide the town in making wastewater decisions over the next twenty years.

The Committee did not dissolve, however, in order to be available for consultation to the other development boards as the process for further refining water and wastewater options for the Preferred Alternative – providing Wastewater Management services for the newly designated Industrial Park Sewer District (IPSD) in South Hingham – evolved to a stage in which additional detailed analysis and recommendations were required.

The Committee met on July 29, 2011 to consider the costs and benefits of alternative wastewater management options for the IPSD. Generally, the alternatives addressed, first, the scope of the collection area and second, a comparison of disposal via either a connection to the MWRA (through either Weymouth or the North Sewer District) or by discharge through a decentralized wastewater processing facility located proximate to the IPSD. Considerations of the Committee included the cost of each alternative as well each alternatives impact on water quality, water supply, air quality, noise levels, wetlands, water balance and other community characteristics, as well as institutional impacts.

After extensive review and discussion regarding these alternatives, the Committee unanimously voted in favor of Alternative 3 (Hingham Alternative-Decentralized) which entails the construction of a decentralized packaged wastewater treatment and disposal facility along with associated collection system to serve the entire Industrial Park Area. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee authorized the Chair to work the Town's Development Director and Project Engineer to modify the Master Plan to conform to the Committee's final recommendation. This work was completed in September, 2011 and the plan forwarded to the Sewer Commission for final ratification and subsequent submission to the State DEP.

As noted in last year's report, the Committee has been an unusually successful collaborative effort between the Sewer Commission, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Water Supply Committee, accompanied by significant input from the Advisory Committee and the public. The Committee would



particularly like to thank Community Planning Director Katy Lacy for her significant assistance to the Committee and commend her for her substantial contributions to the final Master Plan.

Our work successfully completed, the Committee is now ready to be dissolved by order of Town Meeting.

Mat MacIver, Chair  
Kirk Shilts, Secretary  
Charles Berry  
Skip Hull  
Frank Mahony  
John Riley  
Andrew Spath  
Gary Tondorf-Dick  
Mark White  
Roger Sullivan, *Ex. Officio*

## Water Supply Committee

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The Hingham Water Supply Committee was established by Town Meeting in 1946 and its members are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its original charter was to investigate the feasibility of acquiring what was then the Hingham Water Company (a private company), and to report to the Town on the costs and benefits of undertaking such a project. That charter was revised by Town Meeting in 2004 to assign the Committee to monitor and report on water-supply matters more generally, including administration of the Town's Water Supply Policy. The Committee endeavors to perform these tasks in cooperation with the Aquarion Water Co., the Town's long-standing municipal water supplier, and believes that a good working relationship with Aquarion enhances its ability to carry out its assigned functions.

Over the course of the past year there have been several significant developments with regard to the Town's water supply. The following paragraphs summarize some of the most notable of those developments.

1. Aquarion filed with the Department of Public Utilities to request a 16.5% rate increase for its Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset

customers. This proposal came on the heels of a significant rate increase just three years ago, and was greeted with a significant degree of public opposition. The Town declared its own opposition and engaged legal counsel to represent its interests before the DPU, seeking to assure that any granted increase in water rates would be based on a thorough and accurate assessment of Aquarion's costs and the capital improvements it has made to the local water system. It should be noted that Aquarion recently completed upgrading most of its Hingham wells in order to restore delivery capacity to levels commensurate with the registered amount established back in 1985. (The state limits the water company's withdrawal of water to the so-called 'registered' amount, established in 1985 as the average annual water consumption during the years 1981-1985.) The DPU is expected to act upon Aquarion's request during Spring 2012.

2. In January 2012 the Selectmen announced that for this year's Town Meeting they would propose a warrant article seeking funds for a full-scale feasibility study of acquiring the water company's assets. The Selectmen's proposal contemplates having the Town undertake a comprehensive investigation, with the aid of outside consultants and other professional assistance, of the various engineering and financial questions that would need to be resolved in order for such an acquisition to go forward. This task is something that the Water Supply Committee has undertaken several times – but generally without professional assistance, and with varying degrees of thoroughness -- since its original formation, most recently (on a merely preliminary level) in 2003. The Committee stands ready to offer its assistance and advice to the Selectmen's efforts in the event that their warrant article is approved by Town Meeting. And the Committee will also continue to work with Aquarion to monitor the water supply and see that the town remains well-served, whatever the feasibility study eventually uncovers and whatever the town may ultimately choose to do with the information.

3. Earlier, the Town completed its long-term Comprehensive Wastewater Master Plan. The plan calls for, among other things, building an on-site sewerage treatment facility to serve the new Industrial Park Sewer District in South Hingham. Moreover, Town Meeting voted last year to appropriate funds and authorize acquisition of a site for the treatment plant, as well as preliminary engineering and permitting studies. Having an on-site treatment plant (which is expected to be located within the Weir River watershed area), as opposed to using the MWRA metropolitan system, should mean that most of the drinking water converted to wastewater within this sizeable area of Hingham (which currently discharges most of its wastewater into septic systems

located outside the watershed), will be discharged into the same watershed from which the water was taken. Such use of wastewater to recharge the watershed should be helpful to the municipal water supplier when and if future state permits are needed for delivering additional water to this economically important business district in Hingham.

The Water Supply Committee generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of the last month of each quarter. Please consider attending a meeting if you have any questions or concerns related to the Town's water supply, or if you simply wish to know more about the subject.

Thomas Burbank  
Paul Cappers  
James Connelly  
Maureen Doran  
Sam Mullin, Chair  
Kirk Shilts, Secretary  
Roger Sullivan

### Tri-Town Weir River Estuary Park Committee

The Tri-town Weir River Estuary Park (WREP) committee works to protect, link, and restore continuous coastal vistas and habitat for indigenous aquatic and terrestrial species within the State designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern [ACEC (100 foot flood plain)] and the 200 foot River's Protection Act, as well as adjacent public and private properties. All the tri-town park properties are connected by the Weir River estuarine waters. (Visit committee web-site)

During 2011, the Weir River Estuary Park Committee met with representatives of various groups who serve the Weir River Estuary to foster communication and collect information for a potential Weir River Estuary Resource Management Plan. The groups included: Hingham and Hull Harbormasters, Back River Watershed Association, Hingham Harbor Development Committee, and Hingham and Hull Conservation Commissions, Massachusetts Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Program, and Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management.

WREP Committee members helped coordinate and publicize the annual spring clean-up of the Weir River Estuary, led by the Straits Pond

Watershed Association in partnership with the Weir River Watershed Association and Hull Land Conservation Trust.

2011 saw completion of payment for the Chatham Street entrance to the Weir River Woods, Hull, MA. The Chatham Street property was identified as a conservation priority in the Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan [www.hingham-ma.gov/conservation/index.html](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/conservation/index.html), published by the WREP Committee in 2006. The Chatham Street entrance provides access to trails in an 18-acre publicly-owned preserve of upland and marsh along the Weir River Estuary. The entrance is now owned by the Hull Land Conservation Trust with a Conservation Restriction held jointly by The Trustees of Reservations and the Hull Conservation Commission. The Hull Land Conservation Trust is grateful for major grants from the Massachusetts Conservation Partnership Program, Sheehan Family Foundation and Fields Pond Foundation and for donations and participation in fundraising activities by over 1000 people. For information on walks generally held on the first Saturday of the month, go to [www.HullLandConservationTrust.org](http://www.HullLandConservationTrust.org) or [www.weirriver.org](http://www.weirriver.org)

In 2011, the WREP Committee also helped facilitate communication between the Hull Conservation Commission, Hull Land Conservation Trust and Cohasset Conservation Trust toward the goal of creation of a Straits Pond Wildfowl Viewing Park, consisting of a continuous walking route around Straits Pond along Atlantic Avenue, Jerusalem Road and a proposed path connecting West Corner with Richards Road. Creating this path will involve conservation of a portion of the Lofchie Property on Straits Pond to connect the end of Richards Road with the landward edge of the publicly-owned Straits Pond peninsula. Conservation of a portion of the Lofchie Property was also identified as a priority in the 2006 Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan.

The WREP Committee invites you to attend its meetings, which are posted on the three towns' websites. The Committee is seeking new members interested in preservation, recreation and education for the Weir River Estuary Park Committee.

Co-chairpersons:

Richard Avery, Cohasset  
Faith Burbank, Hingham  
Judeth Van Hamm, Hull

## Town Accountant

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The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 for the Town of Hingham, MA is hereby submitted for your consideration in the new format prescribed under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 37 and 38.

The report is the primary means of reporting the Town's financial activities. The objective of this new model is to provide a clearer picture of our government as a single, unified entity, while retaining certain traditional financial information previously provided.

This document presents the Town's financial information on three bases of accounting, each serving a different purpose. The last section of the book includes as "required supplementary information" budgetary basis schedules, which are prepared in accordance with the Town's budgetary process.

The fund perspective statements present the governmental operation on the same basis (modified accrual basis of accounting) as previous CAFR's with one exception. The account groups for long-term debt and fixed assets have been deleted. In addition, there is a perspective difference in that certain funds that are shown as fiduciary under this perspective are not portrayed under GASB 34, or are reclassified. This basis is designed to measure inter-period equity, the extent to which current resources (available within the next year) fully fund all current services provided by the government. Long-term liabilities are excluded with the implicit assumption that future tax revenues will fund them.

In addition to this "fund perspective," the new CAFR presents an "entity wide" perspective. This perspective combines all governmental and business activities in a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, presenting all functions on a full accrual basis of accounting. All fixed assets are added to the statements, as are long-term liabilities such as outstanding debt. The balance sheet has been reorganized into a "net assets format." This format classifies assets and liabilities as short and long-term and then subtracts those liabilities from total assets to arrive at net assets similar to a private company.

The Town's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances has been completely reorganized to a new statement of activities. The expenses of the Town, organized by activity, are netted against fees, fines, grant revenues and assessments generated to fund

each activity in an attempt to derive the net cost to the taxpayer of each activity. The reader of the financial statements can now discern the net cost of a particular function of government funded by taxation and other general revenues by a review of this statement.

The report is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of the Town and others who are concerned with its management and progress such as bond analysts, banking institutions and credit raters as well as residents and taxpayers of Hingham.

This CAFR is presented in three sections: **Introductory, Financial and Statistical**. This **Introductory Section** contains this transmittal letter with economic conditions and outlook, major initiatives, financial information and other relevant information. The **Financial Section** contains a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of an MD&A. This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A where the financial analysis is now presented. The Town's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditor's report from Powers & Sullivan. The Town of Hingham is responsible for the accuracy of the financial statements as well as their completeness and fairness. We believe the statements are accurate in all material aspects and that they fairly set forth the financial position of the Town. The **Statistical Section** contains, in most cases, a ten-year history of trends of both financial and demographic data.

### **Profile of the Town of Hingham**

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as a discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System being a blended unit, included within the statement of fiduciary net assets.

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of downtown Boston. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has six historic village districts and more recent single family subdivisions constructed within the last 40 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 27% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services to the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services to service senior citizens with various programs as well as outreach projects. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant beach and swimming facilities. Bare Cove Park contains 468 acres and was a former federal ammunition depot. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities provided by Bare Cove Park, it offers camping facilities, hiking and biking trails and cross country skiing trails in the winter.

The principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction and registry of deeds and probate.

The three-member elected Board of Selectmen is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Selectmen and is responsible for day to day administration.

### **Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition**

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which had been rising slightly for several years prior to a short decline in 2007, continued to follow state and national trends higher during the past two years. The Town

traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past few years.

The Town's population modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties, and over the past few years has once again begun modest increases. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties. Over the past ten years the town's population has increased 7% while school enrollment has increased 17%.

State budget problems continued during fiscal year 2011, and consequently the state cut aid to cities and towns during the fiscal year. In addition to these relatively minor state aid reductions, the state also cut its aid to schools. These school aid cuts were replaced with federal stimulus funds and reported separately outside of the general fund.

### **Long-term Financial Planning**

The Finance Director's role includes working closely with the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and Department Directors to develop short-term and long-term financial goals and to address the financial stability of the Town.

### **Major Initiatives**

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. Due to current economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending has been reduced from normal levels of \$2-\$3 million annually. The Town expects to be able to appropriate capital spending in the \$2.0 million range for FY 2012.

### **Financial Information**

**Financial Management.** The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Unrestricted Fund Balance) be maintained at a level of no less than 14% and no more than 18% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves



increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

**Internal Controls.** Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee shall assist in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee will supervise and review the conduct of the audit and its relationship with the Town.

**Budgetary Controls.** The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15 member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen, attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the Real Estate taxes, Personal Property taxes and Motor Vehicle Excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 97% of all Real Estate taxes are collected during the fiscal year of billing with the remaining 3% collected the following year.

This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

The Treasurer/Collector, in common with other towns as a result of permissive legislation, changed from a semi-annual billing system to a quarterly billing system in Fiscal Year 1992. This change has not only eliminated the need for temporary borrowings, which were costing the Town \$150,000 per year, but also provided temporary excess cash beyond immediate needs which is available for short-term investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator.

The Finance Director holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

### **Risk Management**

The Town of Hingham is a member of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group, a cooperative having members in excess of 10,000 subscribers. The Town receives annual premium costs per subscriber. Annual premiums are reviewed and changed annually. The Town is also self-insured for worker's compensation and unemployment benefits. For insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. (Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.)

The Town is self-insured for property coverage over a group of vacant buildings given to them by the Federal Government. The Town maintains liability coverage on these respective buildings. Additional information on the Town of Hingham's risk management activity can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Other Information**

#### **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. This was the fourteenth consecutive year that the government has

achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

**Independent Audit.** The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 were audited by the public accounting firm of Powers & Sullivan. The financial statements have received an "unqualified opinion" from the auditors. An "unqualified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as prescribed in the Federal Office of Management & Budget's Circular A133.

### **Acknowledgments**

A special gratitude is owed to Michael Nelligan and James Powers, partners at Powers & Sullivan, whose attention to the fiscal year 2011 financial statements was invaluable.

We want to express our appreciation to the accounting personnel, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, Kate Richardsson, Lynn Phillips, Nancy Hutt, and Kaitlyn James for their invaluable assistance with the preparation of this CAFR; and to Betty Tower of the Selectmen's Office for her work on the cover design. We wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO	Susan M. Nickerson
Town Administrator/Finance Director	Town Accountant

## Board of Assessors

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2011 was a year of deadlines and work, work, work to assure we would have a certified tax rate and tax bill by the end of the year. We are required by the Department of Revenue to do a complete revaluation of the entire town every 3 years, and 2011 was the year. We also opted to hire Vision Appraisal Service to replace the outdated Cama system provided by the Commonwealth.

Also in 2011, Richard Nowlan was promoted from Interim Assessor to the position of Director of Assessing.

We cannot stress enough the quality and quantity of work done by our staff and members of the Board to accomplish this task, and we wish to thank Ted Alexiades and his "Town Team" for their help in reaching our goal. Every one of the 8400 assessed properties was viewed. This accomplished both our conversion to Vision and the revaluation.

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of two excellent members of our department, Bob Kurtz and Bob Abbott. Both were not only valued members, but very patriotic citizens. Bob Kurtz flew 35 missions over Europe in B24s during WWII. Bob Abbott served overseas in the Korean conflict. They will be missed.

During the coming year we will be working closely with Vision to adopt more features to assure fair assessments to all residents and businesses.

Stuart G. Hall, Chairman  
Mark Tyburski  
Michael Shaughnessy

## Hingham Contributory Retirement Board

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There are 105 contributory retirement systems within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These systems have accepted the provisions of Sections 1-28 (contributory sections), Chapter 32, Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of this acceptance, all systems, although operating independently, are bound together under one uniform retirement law.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Thomas P. Hall for his dedicated service to the retirement board. Tom served eighteen years as an appointed member from 1993-2011.

The Annual Report for Fiscal 2011 contains the financial statements as well as membership statistics report, a list of new members and a list of members that retired in 2011.

Ted Alexiades, Chairman & Appointed Member  
Susan M. Nickerson, Ex-Officio Member  
Eileen A. McCracken, Elected Member  
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member  
Henry F.G. Wey, III, Appointed Member

Nancy M. Hutt, Administrator

### **Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2011 (Pre-Close)**

#### **ASSETS**

Cash - Citizens Bank	213,992.17
Checking – Citizens Bank	0.00
Pooled Domestic Equity Fund (PRIT)	18,413,965.57
Pooled International Equity (PRIT)	9,815,624.92
Pooled Domestic Fixed Income (PRIT)	32,255,646.17
Pooled Alternative Investments (PRIT)	17,003.74
Pooled Real Estate Funds (PRIT)	4,037,798.69
Pooled Emerging Markets (PRIT)	3,106,798.07
Pooled Hedge Funds (PRIT)	3,746,253.18
Cash Fund (PRIT)	25.23
General Allocation Account (PRIT)	1,398,879.88
Accounts Receivable	350,024.85
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>73,356,012.47</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	-20,971.69
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-20,971.69</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Annuity Fund	-18,244,924.86
Annuity Reserve Fund	-6,792,306.62
Military Service Fund	-14,453.45
Pension Fund	-1,244,410.14
Pension Reserve Fund	-46,948,279.33
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-73,244,374.40</b>

**REVENUES**

Investment Income	-2,363,961.92
Interest not Refunded	-3,141.36
Realized Gain	-1,790,925.11
Realized Loss	489,294.73
Unrealized Gain	-7,881,187.97
Unrealized Loss	10,615,060.52
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Members Deductions	-2,079,016.25
Transfers from Other Systems	-58,163.99
Members' Make Up & Re-deposits	-54,932.78
Pension Fund Appropriation	-3,783,740.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-75,889.14
3(8)(c) Reimb. From Other Systems	-136,168.33
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-61,953.48
Member Payments from Rollovers	-2,616.37
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-7,187,341.45</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Staff Salaries	73,204.64
Consultant Fees	38,462.32
Management Fees	157,181.18
Legal Expenses	6,290.00
Medical Expenses	0.00
Fiduciary Insurance	4,921.00
Service Contracts	42,468.37
Professional Services	24,169.31
Education and Training	1,805.50
Administrative Expenses	6,567.14
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	0.00

Annuities Paid	929,994.89
Pensions Paid	5,197,066.15
COLA's Paid	40,358.81
3(8)(c) Reimb. To Other Systems	121,169.70
Transfers to Other Systems	358,421.38
Refunds to Members	94,594.68
Option B Refunds	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,096,675.07</b>

#### **NEW MEMBERS 2011**

Patricia Ambriano	Barbara Brown
Claire Burgess	Lisa Byrne
Alexandra Castro	Michael Cavanaugh
James Corry	Lysa Curry
Julie Dale	Meghan Dalton
Margaret Daniels	Brianne Elinoff
Eileen Farrell	Wendy Finnerty
Glenda Garland	Michael Gervasi
Kathleen Heffernan	Keith Jermyn
Kathleen Jordan	Kevin Kazlauskas
Seamus Killeen	Holly Krukonis
Mark License	Debra MacDonald
Patrice Mahoney	Ellen McElroy
Suzanne McIntyre	Brian McPherson
Brian Muldoon	Daniel Murphy
Sharon Napier	Kimberly O'Brien
Paula O'Brien	Julie Quill
Theresa Reaney	Edward Ripley
Meghan Russell	Joel Salituri
Karen Schmidt	Kaitlyn Smalley
Kimberly Smyth	Kathleen Staples
Maria Swanson	Krista Tanguy
Emily Toney	Emily VanLeuvan
Kathleen Walsh	Misty Whelan
Lisa White	Luke Zimmerman
Laurie Zivkovich	

#### **RETIRED MEMBERS 2011**

Robert Bocchino	Deborah Clark
Lewis Clark	Mary Flatley
Nancy Johnson	Ruth Kuhn

Patricia Muldoon  
 Camilla Roundtree  
 Brian Aiguier  
 Kathleen D'Ercole  
 Marilyn Harrington  
 Taylor Mills

Lisa Paul  
 Mary Solimini  
 Michael Antoine  
 Kenneth Durant  
 Francis Krause  
 William O'Brien

#### **DECEASED RETIREES 2011**

Robert Abbott  
 Mary Lee Bernan  
 Paul Coffey  
 Richard Partridge  
 Ronald Urbati

Salvatore Amonte  
 Edmond Burgess  
 Phyllis Morgan  
 Joyce Studley

#### **MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2011**

<b>Active Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>532</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>120</b>
Enrolled during current year	53
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>
Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	24
Retirements	18
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Active Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>538</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>123</b>
 <b>Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor</b>	
<b>Membership, Dec. 31, previous year</b>	<b>268</b>
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	20
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	4
Survivor benefits from active membership	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	8
Termination of Survivors Benefits	1



Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	
Superannuation	230
Ordinary disability	3
Accidental disability	10
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	10
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	16
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	11
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
<b>Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>283</b>
<b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	
<b>Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>944</b>

## Treasurer Collector

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Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2010 .....	34,949,992
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2011 .....	131,751,072
-Total Paid on Selectmen's warrants.....	(128,394,635)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2011 .....	38,306,429

Investment Income for all funds.....1,101,742

During Fiscal Year 2011 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2011 Real Estate Tax .....	61,061,145
2011 Community Preservation Surcharge .....	792,557
2011 Personal Property Tax .....	1,072,637
2011 Boat Excise Tax .....	87,135
2011 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	2,890,267
2010 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	362,691
2009 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	413
Betterments-Paid in Advance .....	255,267
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest .....	218,137
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest .....	2,849
Sewer Use Liens .....	181,762
Payments in Lieu of Taxes .....	<u>571,358</u>
Total .....	67,496,216

There were 8 new tax liens secured in fiscal year 2011 bringing the total parcels in tax title to 69. Over the course of the year, 12 liens were redeemed and \$260,946 in tax lien revenue was collected.

The total outstanding long term debt as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$65,885,742. Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The total outstanding short term debt was \$0.00.

Beginning in fiscal year 2012 state legislation was enacted allowing municipalities to offer a paperless billing option to taxpayers. I am pleased to report that Hingham was the first municipality in the state to put this option into effect by converting our existing online payment program to an innovative, newly developed online billing, presentment and payment program. Hingham taxpayers can now view their bills online, pay their bills online and even choose to receive their property tax bills by email instead of paper. We will continue to strive to provide optimal access to tax information on a twenty-four seven basis.

Once again, the office staff continued to offer the highest level of customer service to our taxpayers as evidenced by the many appreciative compliments I have received on their behalf throughout the year. I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to each for their hard work and high standards: Lori-Ann Magner, Nancy Leahy, Jacquie Berard, Linda Kelley and Regina Ledwick.

Jean M. Montgomery, Treasurer Collector

TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER –  
As of June 30, 2011

Trust Fund	Balance 6/30/10	Balance 6/30/11
375th Anniversary .....	33,606	11,569
Aid to Elderly/Disabled .....	11,952	7,165
Affordable Housing Trust .....	84,098	134,293
Buttonwood Tree .....	2,648	2,653
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial .....	61,253	61,355
Education .....	13,161	13,739
Escrow Acct - Wastewater Treatment Plant .....	48,309	48,390
Federal Withholding .....	13,699	9,586
Foundry Pond .....	6,915	6,927
Fourth of July .....	55,787	37,788
Hannah Lincoln Whiting .....	16,103	15,630
Hingham War Memorial .....	9,779	9,795
Light Depreciation .....	4,203,831	5,903,503
Light Reserve Stranded Costs .....	1,900,107	2,012,125
Light - Customer Deposit .....	986,173	1,198,781
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan Program .....	66,013	66,231
MWRA Collateral Loan .....	15,848	0
Medical Insurance .....	192,710	1,255,921
More-Brewer .....	84,013	83,903
OPEB Trust (Light) .....	1,472,677	1,482,009
OPEB Trust (Town) .....	317,133	1,483,233
Open Space Conservation .....	63,504	44,425
Preservation Projects .....	112,154	64,849
Preservation Projects - Greenbush .....	811,315	1,361,463
Scholarship .....	2,885,691	3,443,004
Stabilization .....	597,372	487,433
USLST – War Memorial - Shipyard .....	1,344	1,346
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account .....	1,187	4,025
Veterans in Need .....	0	711
Total .....	14,068,382	19,251,852